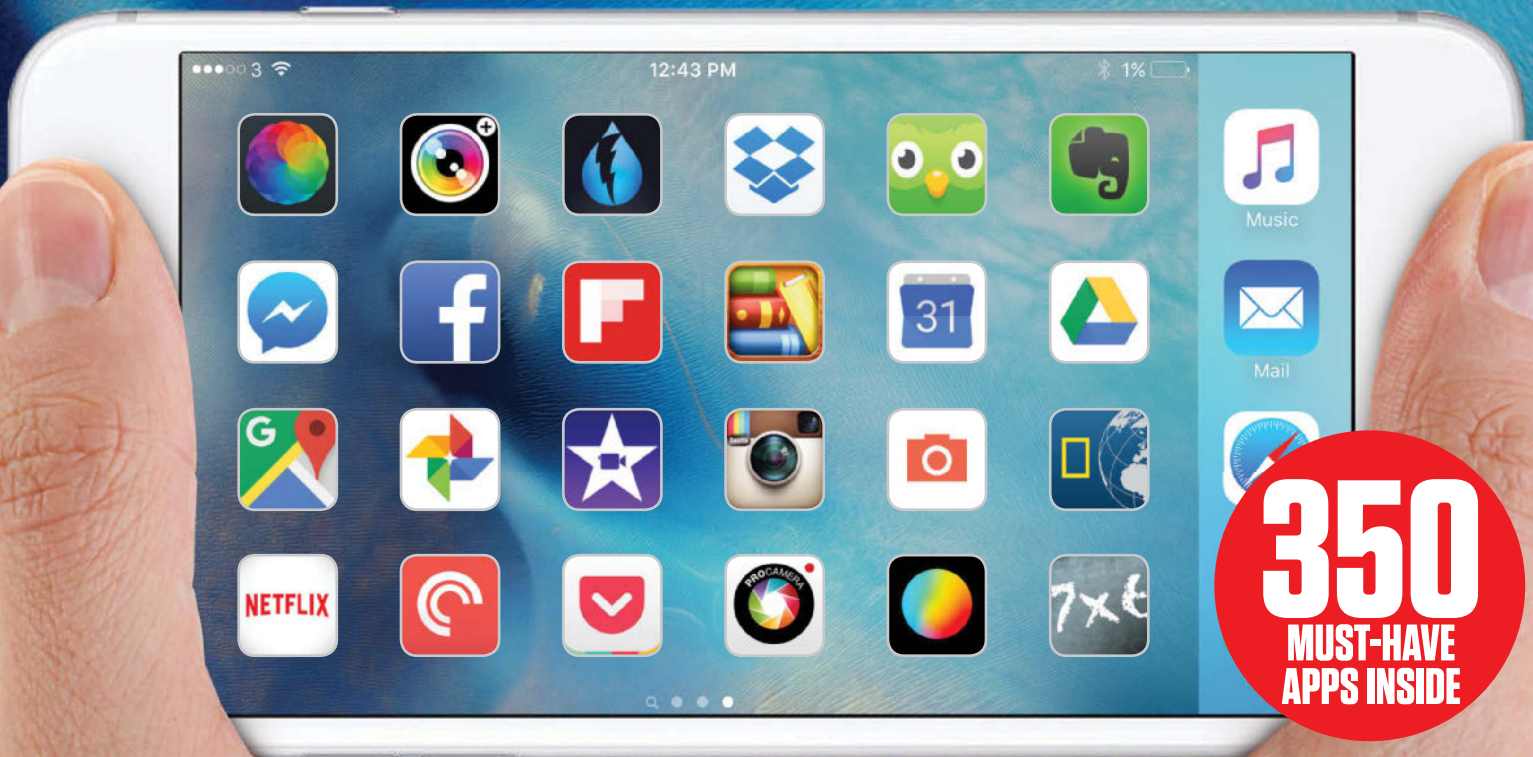


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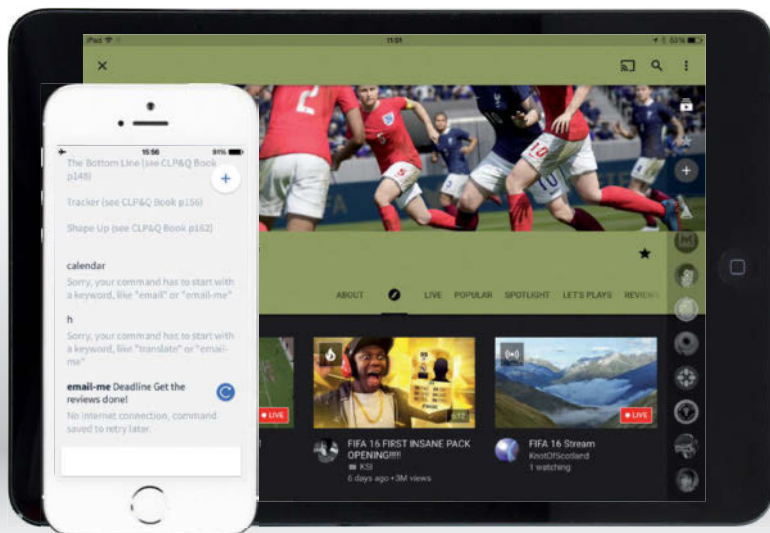
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WELCOME TO APPS MAGAZINE

Your essential apps guide every issue



Winter is coming. But there's no need to panic with this issue's survival guide (from page 18). This is packed with top apps to help you dodge the wind, rain and snow with up-to-the-minute forecasts and entertainment apps to fill the long, dark nights. While our winter survival guide includes Netflix, if you'd rather curl up with a good read, discover the best apps for book worms on page 11. Or, if you're taking part in National Novel Writing Month, check out the top apps for writing on the go on page 22. It's also upgrade season, so if you've got the all-new iPhone 6s, turn to page 14 for our essential app starter kit.

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DAN HUTCHINSON

Editor in Chief



Having noticed the 100 million viewers Twitch gets each month, YouTube has launched its on competitor. Find out if it can take on the gaming hub on page 37.

JACK PARSONS

Editor



If you're a fan of *IFTTT* or *Alfred* for Mac, then you'll like *Input* (page 32), which gives you greater control over your third-party apps with simple commands.

JAMIE FRIER

Contributor



Think you've got what it takes to be the next Ronaldo? Snap a photo with *Adidas Snapshot* (page 29) to find out how to kick a ball.

DOM PEPIATT

Contributor



If you're looking for a brain-teaser, *Frozen Synapse Prime* (page 38) is a fun mix of strategy and shoot-'em-up to while away the hours.

ADIDAS SNAPSHOT



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.0
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.0

FROZEN SYNAPSE PRIME



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.01
● Android | OS 2.3 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.01

INPUT - CLOUD CONSOLE



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.3

YOUTUBE GAMING



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0

Alternatively, if you've updated your existing iPhone or iPad to iOS 9, find out how to improve your online experience with our comparison of the leading ad-blockers on page 26. Enjoy this month's issue!

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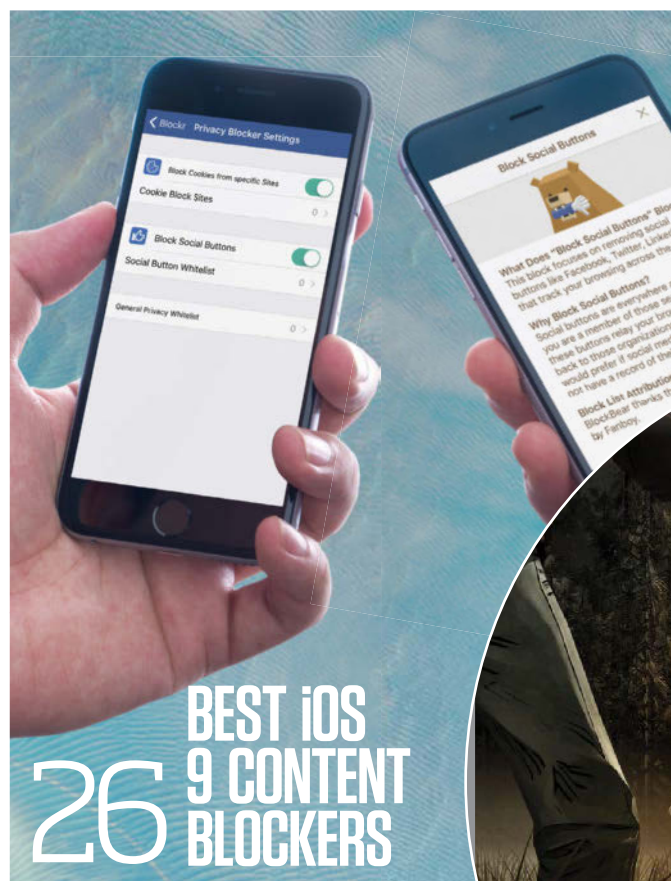
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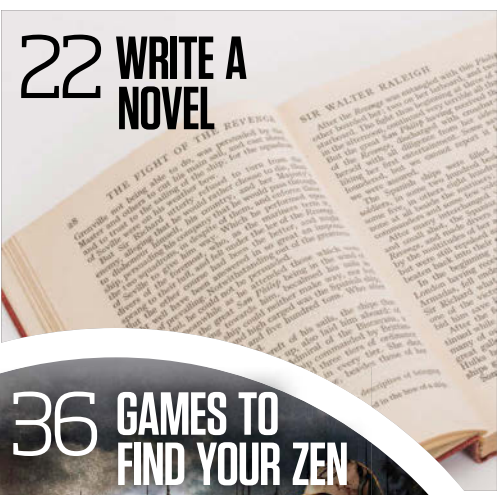
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OPERATING SYSTEM

Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.

- iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2
- Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

VERSION

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.

IN TOUCH

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GET EXCITED ABOUT...

THE ULTIMATE NIGHT OUT APP

IMPROMPTU PUB CRAWL? THEN YOU NEED CROWDIT



Crowdit, a new global nightlife app that lets users discover what's happening in the bars, pubs and clubs in their city, has launched in London. It aims to transform the city's nightlife by offering real-time data about the events and deals available in the user's immediate location, encouraging them to explore their city on impulse.

Users of the *Crowdit* app can customise their night out based on their personal preferences, whether they're looking for a pub where they can play pool, a bar with discounted cocktails or a club with their favourite DJ – the opportunities are endless.

Users who download the app are either sent messages from their favourite nearby venues or can check the app's map feature to see for themselves which nightspots are offering the best deals, or most appealing night out. The app also enables users to create a route, connect with friends, or book a taxi with *Uber*.

The company's founder, Sam Amrani, believes it is the focus on spontaneity that makes *Crowdit* stand out against their competitors. "There are simply no other apps in our space that let users explore their city based on impulse.

"*Crowdit* lets people know what's going on in their immediate location, at that specific time, making it the perfect tool for an unplanned night out. It allows them to find new venues and new drinks brands, rediscovering their city in a new way."

Crowdit was recently sold to Amrani by Carlsberg, after acquiring 400,000 users over 18 months it had become the biggest nightlife app in Scandinavia. It was originally created to promote Carlsberg products and drive footfall into their partner venues. Now, as an independent service, the app provides users with a variety of promotions and products by working with many brands and venues.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v3.0

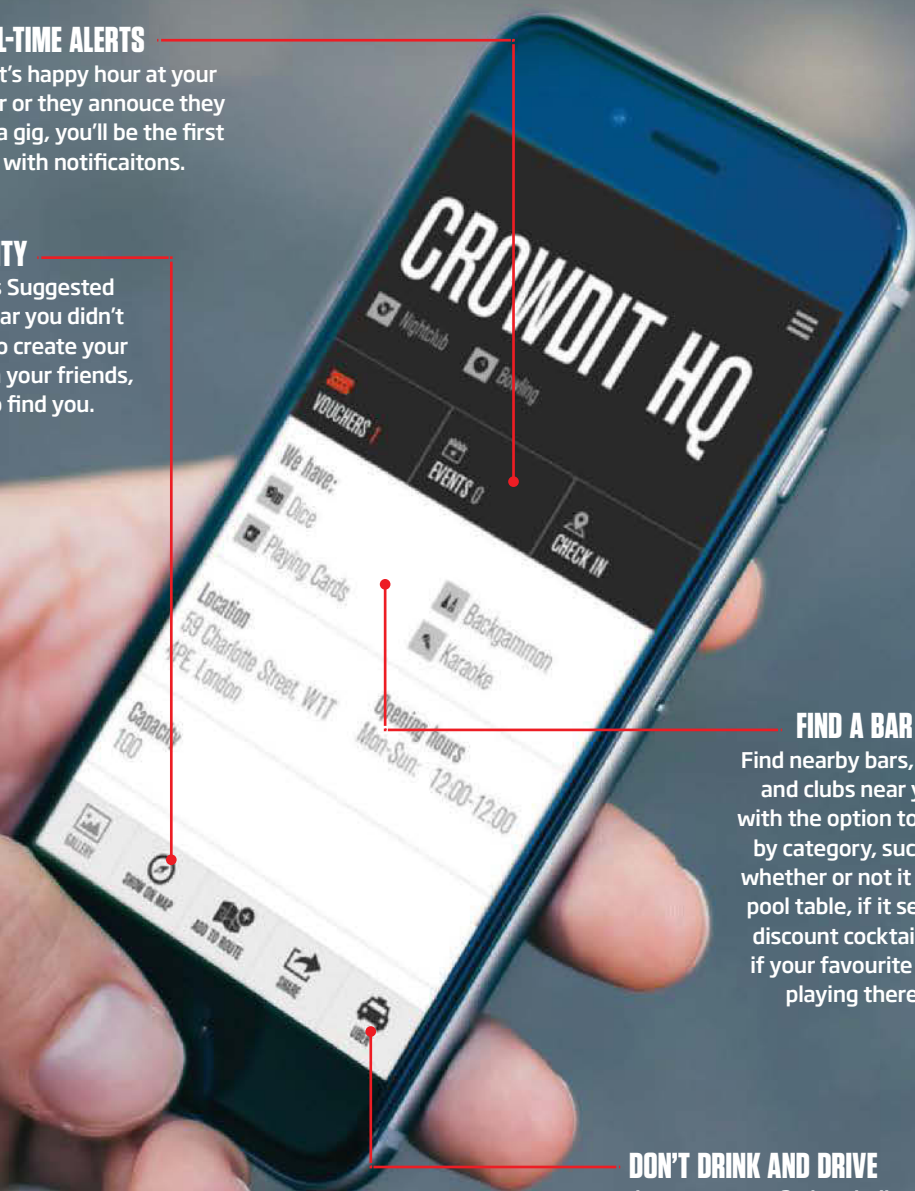
● Android | OS 4.3 | Free | v3.0.0

REAL-TIME ALERTS

Whenever it's happy hour at your favourite bar or they announce they are hosting a gig, you'll be the first to know with notifications.

EXPLORE THE CITY

Search through the app's Suggested Routes to find guides to bar you didn't know existed. You can also create your own and share routes with your friends, so they know where to find you.

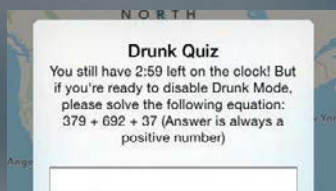
**FIND A BAR**

Find nearby bars, pubs and clubs near you with the option to filter by category, such as whether or not it has a pool table, if it serves discount cocktails or if your favourite DJ is playing there.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Had one too many? Then hail a cab with *Crowdit*'s built-in *Uber* integration, which enables you to book a taxi without leaving the app.

4 MUST-HAVE NIGHTLIFE APPS

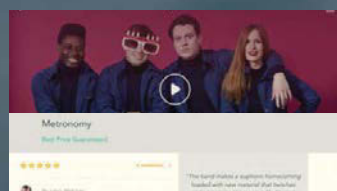


DRUNK MODE – NIGHT LIFE SAFETY APP



Don't worry about butt-dialing your boss or, worse, your ex on a night out with *Drunk Mode*. It allows you to hide select contacts when you go out for a night, as well as track your drinking buddies, and calls you a cab if you've had too many.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v4.6.4
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v4.9.0



YPLAN

Similar to *Crowdit*, *YPLAN* lists events going on near you – from pop-up cinemas to sold-out gigs and cocktail tastings. To make sure that you don't miss out on any of these experiences, you can buy tickets through the app before the events sell out. You also only have to flash your phone on the door to get in.

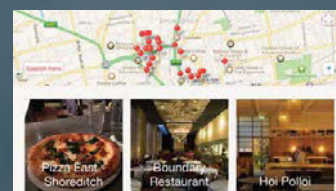
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.8
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v5.8.1



MIXOLOGY

Maybe you're meeting up for a drink at a friend's house before the night really gets going. Well *Mixology* allows you to punch in whatever ingredients you have on hand, and it'll come back with all of the cocktail options based on your ingredients.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v5.05
● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium | v2.0.4



OPENTABLE

Reserve a table at a top restaurant with *OpenTable*. This free app for iOS and Android shows you a detailed list of nearby restaurants with profiles of each one, including photos, reviews and menus for you to read. Best of all, with each booking you earn points towards your next delicious meal.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v9.0.2
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v5.1.2.1491

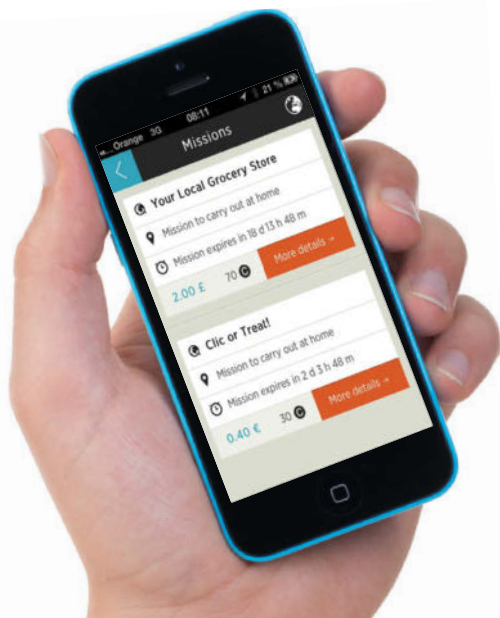
EARN CASH FOR YOUR OPINION

Fancy earning a bit of spare cash by carrying out some marketing missions? Frédérique Grigolato, CEO of Clic and Walk, hopes so

CLIC AND WALK

Available on Android and iOS, Clic and Walk pays users to give their opinion on products and services by simply talking photos and making comments.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free** | **v4.3.0**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3** | **Free** | **v4.3.2**



Clic and Walk originated in France but it has been growing quickly across Europe. It currently has more than 250,000 users, each of who complete set 'missions' in exchange for cash. The tasks range from telling all about their reading habits to taking photos of various specified objects in their area.

How did *Clic and Walk* come to be?

I worked in retail for 20 years, and as a decision-maker, I lacked detailed information about our points of sale and our shelf execution. Precious insights were really hard to get, and it wasn't possible to collect that data in real-time in a cost-effective manner. I came up with *Clic and Walk*, gathering offline data in the real world in real-time with pictures and videos. We also collect information about the use of products at home. It allows the companies to grasp each moment of consumption.

What sort of data are companies after?

It's hard to describe because we have a huge diversity of clients: retail, hi-tech, restaurants and so on. But all of our clients have something in common: they need to collect offline real-life data, as well as consumer insights, at every step of a product's lifecycle. This could help them work out if their point of display is correctly set up in a store or whether their packaging is efficient. They can find out how consumers use and perceive a product at home.

What missions are people most keen to do?

Those that can be completed close to ClicWalkers' homes about products and brands they care about are the most popular. Most ClicWalkers complete all of the missions available but they enjoy it more when it is their passion or something they know very well. They also like missions that are fun, easy to understand, complete and well paid.

What is the oddest mission you have seen?

One of our clients wanted our ClicWalkers to wander into their stores and take pictures of "strange, funny and absurd things". Another asked ClicWalkers to present themselves and their DIY tools in a special way: they had to ask someone else to take a picture of them while using the tools, but in a specific room, on a specific kind of table.



Missions can even be done for car makers

What is the attraction?

Our ClicWalkers simply like giving their opinion about products they like, and sometimes learning a few things through the missions, as well as having fun with us. We organise regular contests through missions on the app, or use the missions as a way of sharing an event together. Last year, ClicWalkers from France, the UK and Germany had the opportunity to give their predictions for the FIFA World Cup. ClicWalkers also appreciate that we offer them the opportunity of donating some of their winnings to a charity (the Trussell Trust in the UK and the Restos du Coeur in France).

What feedback do you get?

We have mostly positive feedback about the app and the missions we offer. ClicWalkers use the app to make extra money but that's not the only reason. Our missions are not designed as typical boring surveys, where you just answer questions in a row. We try to make the missions as fun and enjoyable as possible. Our most active users open the app several times a day.

Do you stipulate that tasks cannot go over certain completion times?

Generally, a mission at home takes five minutes, and a mission in a store about ten to 15 minutes. Each ClicWalker has a time limit to complete it once he or she has accepted the mission. For example, ClicWalkers may have 24 or 48 hours to complete a mission once they have accepted it.

How much, on average, are people earning from the app each month?

That depends on each month but in the UK, on average, our users have guaranteed winnings of ten to 15 pounds each month with our missions to complete at home. But we also offer regular missions in stores ranging from five to eight pounds, and we have 'repeatable' missions that our users may complete as many times as they wish. It is not uncommon to earn more than £50 in just one weekend.

05 OTHER MONEY-MAKING APPS

TOPCASHBACK

You need to spend in order to earn cash but the cash soon mounts up.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**
| **£0.79/\$0.99**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3**
| **Freemium**

SWAGBUCKS

Earn free gift cards by answering surveys, shopping, watching TV and taking part in polls and much more.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

APPTRAILERS

If you don't mind watching adverts and trailers for apps, you may as well earn some cash whilst you do it.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3** | **Free**

VIGGLE

Check into TV or match music and earn points that can then be redeemed for goodies. You can even buy music for more points.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

QUSTODIAN

Divulge your interests, receive messages and read them to earn cashback on purchases.

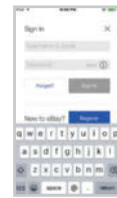
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1**
| **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3** | **Free**

HOW TO...

BECOME AN AUCTIONEER

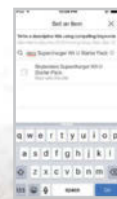
APPS ARE ALL YOU NEED TO PUT YOUR POSSESSIONS UNDER THE HAMMER

There was a time when the word 'auction' typically suggested a room filled with people nodding and raising fingers in response to a stream of incomprehensible babble from a man with a hammer. Thanks to the internet, though, that has changed and auctioneering is now open to anyone. Mobile devices have made it even easier to see what people will pay to get your gear and with the right apps you can watch the bidding wherever you are.



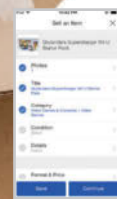
01 Open up shop

The *eBay* app will be your mobile auction house. Download it from the App Store and tap Get Started. If you don't have an eBay account already, tap the three-lined menu icon in the top right, choose Sign In and then tap on Register.



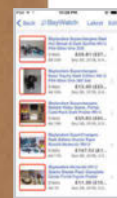
02 Know your buyer

Once you have registered and logged in, you'll need to go to the Sell tab. To start a listing, just come up with a descriptive title for the item you are selling. The app will then find appropriate listing categories for you to choose from.



03 Selling points

You can add a photo of your item from within the app. Then follow the on-screen instructions to specify the condition and add other relevant details. Before you set a minimum price at which to start the bidding, though, take a look at the next step.



04 Shop around

Install *BayWatch* to find out what other eBay users are asking for the item you are selling. Tap Create eBay Watch, enter search criteria and choose Watch to get listings. Set a price based on what you find and then enter it in the *eBay* app.



05 Please pay here

PayPal is the *eBay* app's default payment option. To get an account, download the *PayPal* app, tap Sign Up and enter your details. Tap the link to the PayPal website if you want to connect to your bank account for quick money transfers.



06 Going once...

Back in the listing you are creating in the *eBay* app, enter the email address you used for *PayPal* under Preferences>Payment. Then tap Continue to have the listing verified by eBay, preview it and tap List to start the bidding.

APPS USED

EBAY

With this app the world's most popular online marketplace has made auctioneering safe and easy even on the go.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v4.0.0
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

★★★★★

BAYWATCH

Market research and shopping around on eBay are made simple with this well-organised app that lets you watch items and notifies you with alerts should the listing end soon.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v1.1.5

★★★★★

PAYPAL

You can easily keep track of the money coming in with this app, and you can spend your earnings with it, too.

● iPhone | iOS 7.1
| Free | v5.12
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

★★★★★

FINAL THOUGHT

The *eBay* and *PayPal* apps make it easy to set up online auctions and get paid quickly and securely. You can't go wrong with the step-by-step process offered by the former. It's up to you, though, to ensure that you pick the right starting price. If you use apps to guide you, your Seller Rating should rise.

COMPETITION

WIN! VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS

ENJOY 3D APPS, GAMES AND MOVIES WITH THESE VR GOGGLES

You've probably seen countless videos on the internet of people wearing the much-lauded Oculus Rift, tripping out in digital worlds and generally loving life. Not only is this revolutionary device unavailable until 2016, but you'll probably have to sell a number of vital organs just to buy it. Well, feast your eyes on (and indeed, in) the Immerse Virtual Reality Headset - a new and affordable foray into the breathtaking world of virtual reality. Only £29.99 from Firebox.com, this wireless headset works with your iPhone or Android smartphone to bring imaginary worlds to life.

Just load up your chosen piece of virtual content, slot your smartphone into the rugged plastic enclosure, put it up to your eyes then adjust the lenses and comfortable head straps to your liking. It's never been easier

(or more affordable) to explore these vivid new environments from the comfort of your living room.

Because it utilises your smartphone, it's compatible with hundreds of free and inexpensive VR apps on the App Store and Play Store. There are also tons of free videos on YouTube too, just search for 'side by side 3D' and get exploring. So whether you want to watch 3D movies, explore new worlds, play immersive games or you're just looking for a quick departure from our own tedious reality - there's something for everyone. Thanks to our friends at Firebox, we have three Immerse Virtual Reality Headsets to give away. For your chance to win one, head to our website and answer the following question.

Q WHAT GAME DID WE REVIEW ON PAGE 38 OF THIS ISSUE?
A: Floors **B:** Ceilings **C:** Roads

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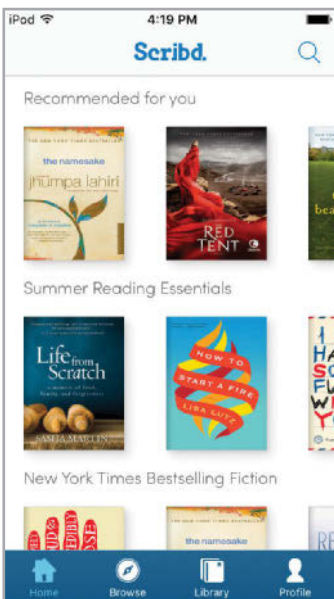
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MY HOME SCREEN

THE BOOK LOVER

TEN UNPUTDOWNABLE APPS FOR AVID READERS

There is a special kind of pleasure to be had from burying your head in a book. Whether you are commuting to work, sunbathing on the beach or curling up on the couch, you can't beat reading as a relaxing form of escapism. You don't need to lug your favourite tome around under your arm, though. With these apps, you can carry an entire library in your purse or pocket.



SCRIBD

ALTERNATIVE TO: iBOOKS

This app has been described as Netflix for book lovers because for a monthly subscription you get unlimited access to an impressive selection of eBooks, audiobooks and comics. Your binge reading bestsellers begins here.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

THE LONDON BOOKSHOP MAP

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS

You can find many specialty bookshops in the United Kingdom's capital city with this guide. All you need to do is search by a category to get a map of relevant retailers. Then zoom in and tap on any of these to get a description and opening times.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free



GOODREADS

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

Keep your circle up to date on what you're reading and how far you've got with this social networking reading app. You can also leave book reviews, rate your latest read out of five stars, see your friends' recommendations and set yourself a reading challenge.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

CONCISE ENGLISH DICTIONARY & THESAURUS

ALTERNATIVE TO: NOTES

With this app you can instantly get a word definition as well as a pronunciation guide and a word's etymology without having to go online.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

FLIPSY BOOKSELLER

ALTERNATIVE TO: STOCKS

This app is useful if you buy used books. It can scan an ISBN and search for prices at online stores. You'll have to convert from US dollars but it should help you ensure that you get the best savings.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free

COMICS

ALTERNATIVE TO: PHOTOS

Not all great tales are primarily told in words; some of the best stories are captured in comic books and graphic novels. Thousands of titles from major publishers can be accessed with this app and a comiXology account.

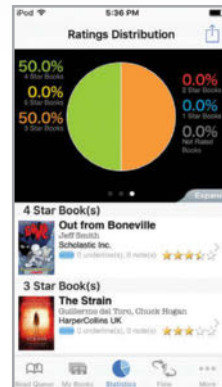
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 2.2 | Freemium

IREADITNOW

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALENDAR

Recording your reading history is easy with this app. The in-built scanner reads the ISBN of your current book and downloads details. All you have to do is enter when you started the book, when you finished reading it and an overall rating.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free



WALL OF BOOK

ALTERNATIVE TO: TIPS

When looking for which book to read next, shake this app to shuffle the cover art displayed on its infinite virtual wall and then tap on something. That will bring up a link to the iBooks Store page where you can buy the book you've tapped on.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



BOOKOPOTAMUS

ALTERNATIVE TO: GAME CENTRE

To correctly answer the questions in this quiz app you must identify which book a spoken passage is from.

Bookpotamus is a novel distraction for bookworms and playing it supports literacy organisations.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

AUDIOBOOKS FROM AUDIBLE

ALTERNATIVE TO: MUSIC

This is great for when you can't read but you can listen to someone reading. With a subscription you can download one free audiobook a month.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

"BOOKAPOTAMUS IS A NOVEL DISTRACTION FOR BOOKWORMS AND PLAYING IT SUPPORTS LITERACY ORGANISATIONS"

GEAR ROUNDUP

SPHERO BB-8 DROID



Have you ever wanted to own a little piece of *Star Wars*? Sphero has released this awesome, fully controllable BB-8 Droid, and it's the number one thing to own right now. Programmable via your smartphone or tablet, you are able to pilot BB-8 around your house, get it to patrol areas and even deliver holographic messages. Whether you want to pretend to be a Jedi, or just wind up your pets, BB-8 from Sphero is one of the coolest pieces of tech out there at the moment.

★★★★★

£129.99/\$149.99 | Sphero | sphero.com

NATIVE UNION CLIC 360

Despite being marketed as a case with maximum protection and with minimum pocket fuss as its primary focus, Native Union's Clic 360 for iPhone 6 Plus seems to have some pretty inherent design flaw; the bottom of the phone is almost entirely exposed, which worries us slightly. That said, the case looks great and feels even better in your hands thanks to the waxed canvas backing. If you have a tendency to chuck your phone about across tables, the internal 3D rubber mesh should keep it safe, though we have our doubts it would survive against giant descents.

★★★★★

£38.99/\$39.99 | Native Union | nativeunion.co.uk



JOT DASH DIGITAL STYLUS

When it comes to digital styluses, Adonit's Jot Dash takes a simple and clean approach. With no shortcut buttons or pressure sensitivity it limits the functionality but improves the accessibility, and that makes writing with the 1.9mm nib as easy as it would be with an ink pen. With an iPad, you'll find it easy to jot down quick notes and simple drawings - especially thanks to the lack of lag - though artists may want to look elsewhere, the thin tip just isn't precise enough.

★★★★★

£39.99/\$49.99 | Adonit | adonit.net

JABRA SPORT PULSE

When it comes to working out, finding the right pair of headphones can be a frustrating exercise. Balancing practicality and durability with sound quality is a must, and the Jabra Pulse once again just falls short of the mark. A secure and comfortable fit is a plus - as is their resistance to water, shocks and dust - though the sound and battery life could be a little bigger for the price. That said, a built-in heart-rate monitor might offset some of that sonic disappointment.

★★★★★

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DROPBOX



While Apple, Google and Microsoft faff around trying to find the perfect formula for a cloud storage and back-up service, *Dropbox*

remains the top dog in apps as far as seamless syncing is concerned – it feels like a native feature, which is a testament to how well it works. You get 2GB for free and can earn more through referring friends, while the paid options are relatively affordable too.

Another benefit of *Dropbox* is that it runs just about everywhere: iOS, Android, Windows, OS X and the web. No matter what device you're busy on or where in the world you happen to be, *Dropbox* gives you simple, secure and intuitive access to your files.

Besides the file syncing, a couple of features stand out. The first is photo backup, which works effortlessly (check out the *Dropbox Carousel* app for something more dedicated); the second is sharing files and folders with other people. This latter feature is completely hassle-free, as it should be, and makes other apps seem clunky by comparison. This is one of the first apps you should get in place on your new phone.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

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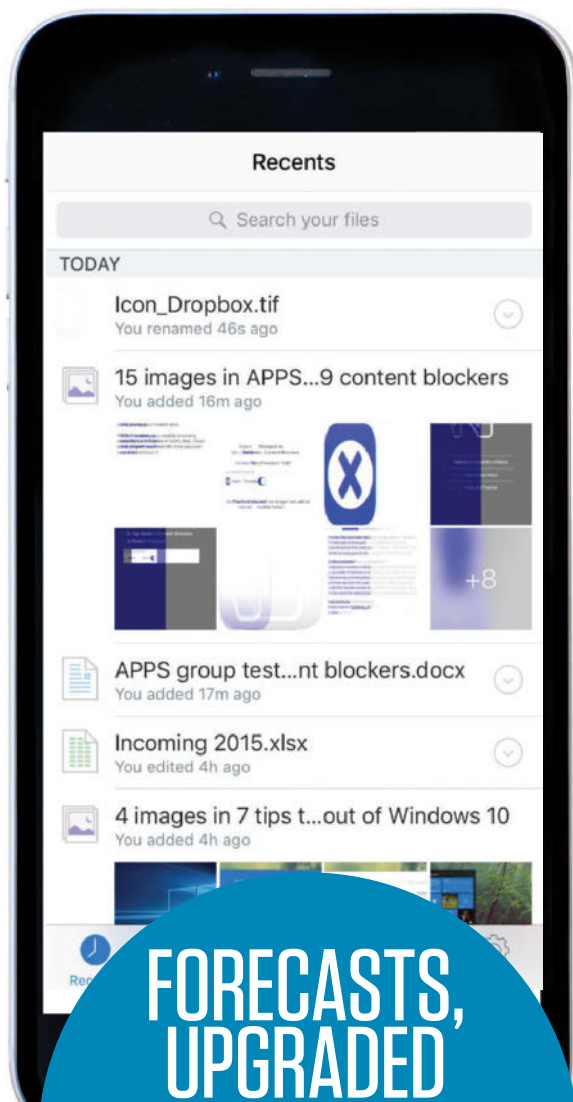
EVERNOTE



Apple may have significantly upgraded *Notes* in iOS 9, but *Evernote* still has the edge:

it's the ultimate tool for syncing notes, photos, bookmarks, links and whatever else you want to store across all of your devices. *Evernote* is so flexible and versatile that it's difficult to define exactly what the app is. With slick note-handling, plenty of note styles and a long list of features, it won't let you down.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium



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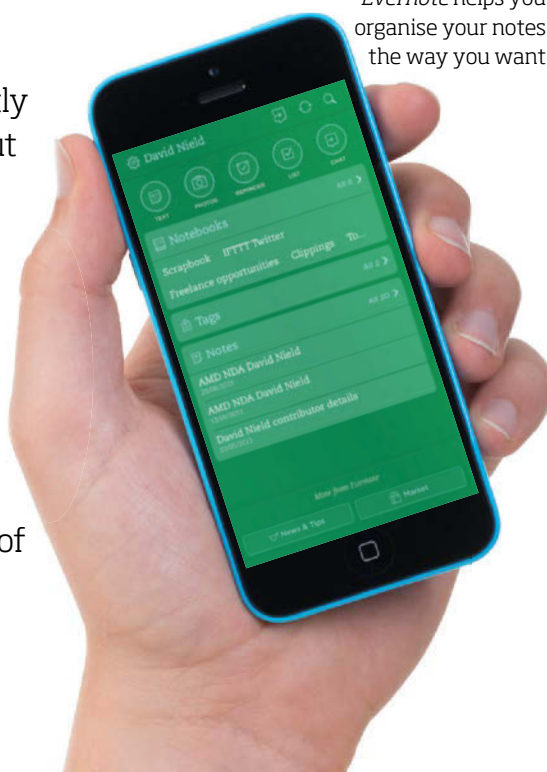
Dark Sky is a superb upgrade over the stock iPhone 6s weather app, with real-time radar maps, short-term forecasts and push notifications.



DARK SKY

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
£2.99/\$3.99

Evernote helps you organise your notes the way you want



EYE-CATCHING CAMERA APPS

MANUAL



As the app's name suggests, *Manual* gives you manual control over the exposure levels of the iPhone 6s camera. It's possible to adjust features like shutter speed, ISO, white balance, focus and exposure compensation, making a great smartphone camera even better. The app also lets you view photo histograms, use a helpful grid to frame your shots and you will get a choice of two themes too.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

VSCO CAM



You may well have seen *VSCO Cam* mentioned on Instagram, Facebook and elsewhere, and there's a reason for that: it's simply a very good photo-taking and editing app. Whether you want to add some subtle effects you've customised yourself, or you'd rather overlay a preset filter, *VSCO Cam* has you covered. You also get access to a very active community of mobile photographers.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

CAMERA+



While it might come across as a bit too 'busy' for some users, *Camera+* is packed with a wealth of features and options for you to play around with – choose from a selection of shooting modes, adjust focus and exposure separately, add special effects layers and much more besides. *Camera+* has been around on iOS for a long time and it shows in the overall quality of the app.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

PROCAMERA



This is one of the most professional iOS camera apps around (must be why they called it *ProCamera*) and as well as offering a wealth of settings and features for the discerning photographer to play around with, it looks the part too. If you want to create photos that carry maximum impact using nothing but your phone then, *ProCamera* is one of the best tools for the job.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

AFTERLIGHT




Afterlight is first and foremost a beautiful-looking app, one that could have been developed by Apple's own designers. You can take photos inside the app but it really comes into its own in the postprocessing department: it has a dizzying number of adjustments, filters, textures and frames to make your mobile photos stand out from the crowd no matter what the subject is.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | £0.59/\$0.99

FACEBOOK'S SOCIAL EMPIRE

FACEBOOK

 Chances are you're one of the 1.49 billion people on the planet with a Facebook account, and if you are then you'll want to get the iOS app installed. It's more compact and faster than using the desktop (or mobile) site and of course you can customise the notifications within iOS to only get the alerts you're interested in, thus preventing social media overload.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

FACEBOOK MESSENGER

 Messenger is now a separate app since it was spun out of the main Facebook experience, and that means less clutter and quicker access to your conversations with your friends – you'll probably find more of your friends and family on Facebook Messenger than iMessage. New features are regularly added to the chat app as well, including group chats and free video calls.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

INSTAGRAM

 Perhaps you'd forgotten that Facebook owns the Instagram app, one of the hottest social media tools around – it just recently passed the 400 million user milestone. The emphasis is still on photos and filters but the app does so much more now, letting you message contacts individually and record videos for example. The online interface continues to get upgraded as well.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

WHATSAPP

 Facebook owns WhatsApp too, by the way, the instant messaging platform that's taking the world by storm and definitely an app you should get set up on your iPhone 6s. Why is it so popular? Well, it works across multiple platforms (including the web); it supports text, photos, videos and voice messages, and you can easily set up multiple group chats as well.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.1** | **Freemium**

SLINGSHOT

 One app that Facebook couldn't buy was Snapchat, so Mark Zuckerberg and his team of engineers built their own version in the form of Slingshot. It's designed to "quickly shoot and share moments throughout your day" and, like Snapchat, content can either stick around for 24 hours or get deleted immediately. There are plenty of filters and emojis to play around with inside too.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **Free**

NETFLIX

 If you've never given Netflix a try, now's a good opportunity to take advantage of the one-month's free trial and see what all the fuss is about; if you're already a Netflix user, you'll know all about its smooth and stable operation, minimal interface and impressive original shows. Switching between devices and platforms is another potentially thorny problem that Netflix handles with ease.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



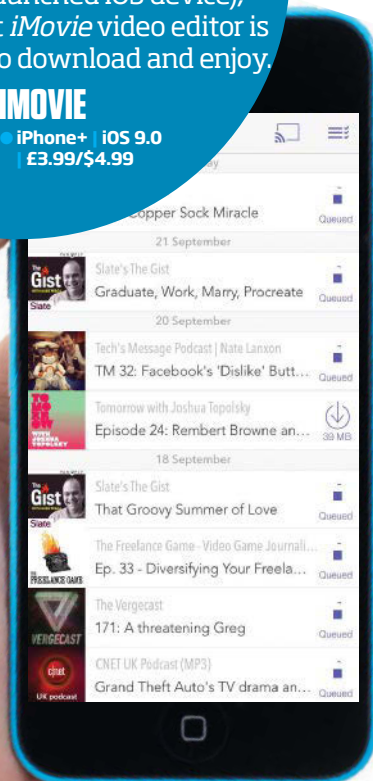
VIDEO EDITING ON THE GO

If you've bought an iPhone 6s (or any other recently launched iOS device), then the excellent iMovie video editor is available for you to download and enjoy.



IMOVIE

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0**
| **£3.99/\$4.99**



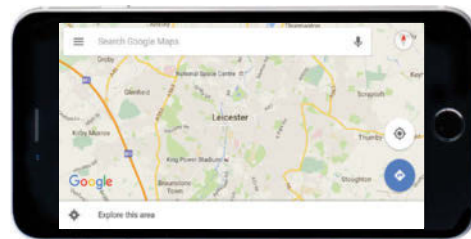
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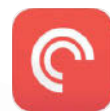
If Apple Maps isn't quite up your street, try the more established app from its archrival Google. With smoothly scrolling maps, slick turn-by-turn directions, a useful 'explore this area' feature and of course public transport support included, Google Maps remains the one to beat as far as mobile mapping goes. Unlike Apple Maps, you can use it on the web too, and sync starred places and routes between all of your devices.

● **iPhone** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

"With smoothly scrolling maps [and] slick turn-by-turn instructions... Google Maps remains the one to beat"



POCKET CASTS



The new iOS 9 comes with its own (updated) podcast app courtesy of Apple, but if you're after something different then there's plenty of choice out there. Pocket Casts is one of our favourite choices: not only is it great on iOS, it also syncs your podcasts seamlessly across Android devices and the web too.

The latest version of the app comes with plenty of features to help you power through your podcasts. You can subtly change the speed of playback, for example, as well as skip the regular intros and outros automatically. New episodes can be downloaded as soon as they're put online, if you want, and you can choose whether to stream them or cache them first. AirPlay and Chromecast streaming is supported too.

Both audio and video podcasts are supported by the app and you can filter them in a number of different ways or by individual episode. It's also possible to star your favourites. If you're serious enough about your podcast listening to want to spend a little money to get the best experience possible, then Pocket Casts is definitely worth a look.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **£2.99/\$3.99**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **£2.49/\$3.99**

FLIPBOARD



The *Flipboard* app is so good that Apple has tried to copy it with its own News app in iOS 9. It takes your preferences and interests and turns them into a stylish-looking digital magazine based on the news and the social media buzz of the day. It's quick to set up and edit and you can even curate your own magazine of stories and share them with anyone you like.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

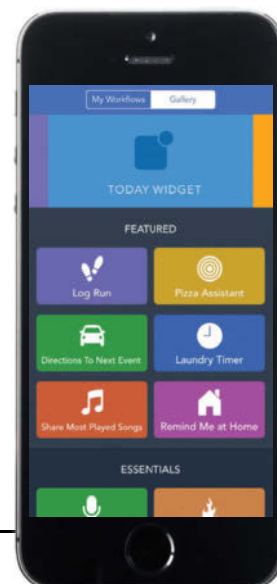
WORKFLOW



Calling all power users: *Workflow* is an app to help you do more with your iPhone 6s. It lets you link your actions to apps, so you can (for example) turn a handful of gallery photos into a GIF, place a call shortcut on the homescreen, tweet the song that you're currently listening to on your Apple device, quickly send a message with a screenshot you've taken, get directions to the nearest coffee shop in one tap and so on.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **£2.99/\$3.99**

Explore lots of new possibilities with *Workflow*



EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD ATLAS



Understanding the locations of cities and countries around the world is beneficial for geography, history and many other subjects, and this app is a good place to start building your knowledge. It does not offer perfect detail when zoomed in, but is perfectly useable.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**

FREE BOOKS



The number of classic books included in *Free Books* is quite extraordinary and it could possibly keep you entertained and educated for many, many years to come. You can use *Free Books* to analyse the writing styles of legendary authors or just to increase your general sphere of reading, but either way it works as an exceptional gateway into a world of classic written works.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**

DUOLINGO



You will either love or hate the way languages are taught at your school, but if you fall into the latter category you should take a look at *Duolingo*. It is completely free, includes gradually more difficult lessons and is also highly visual in the way it trains you to learn words and phrases. It is a genuinely exceptional app in every possible way.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

TIMES TABLES QUIZ!



For younger children and students who struggle with multiplication, here is an app which could have a beneficial impact. The blackboard-style interface is very friendly and the simplicity of the questions makes it truly accessible to anyone. Sometimes the best solutions to problems are the ones that attempt to only do one thing in a simplistic way.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 3.0** | **Freemium**

11+ VERBAL REASONING



Verbal reasoning is a very important skill for children to learn and this is particularly true for those that are nearing the end of their education. With this app they can take a mock test, see their progress at any time and check their test results in great detail. Everything in this app has been tailored to make the learning highly accessible for the kids.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Freemium**

POCKET



There's far too much out there on the web to read all in one go, so why not enlist the help of a read-it-later app to store articles until you've got time to properly

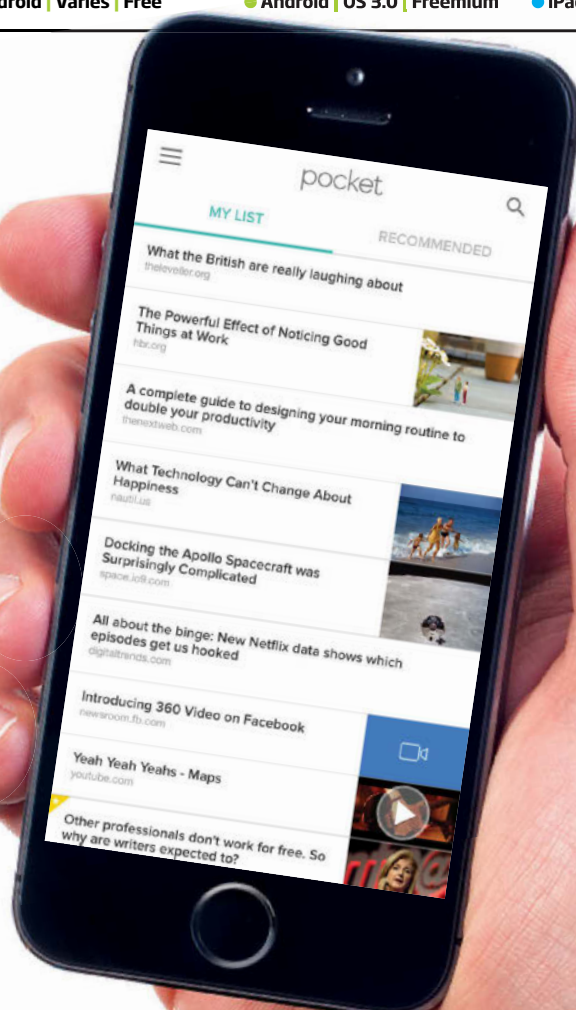
digest them? *Pocket* is one of the best: you can add different types of content (including videos) from almost anywhere, and it works nicely with the updated version of Siri installed on the iPhone 6s as well.

You can add new articles from a browser, through email, from the iOS clipboard and various other sources. Navigating around the interface is straightforward too. When it syncs, the iOS app automatically downloads items for offline viewing just in case you lose your connection when the signal is patchy.

It's possible to star your favourite articles and *Pocket* can even highlight interesting reads from the web if your own list is currently empty. Pay a small subscription fee each month and you get access to a few extra features, including advanced search and tagging, as well as a separate archive of all your articles (in case the online versions vanish).

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

“Pocket can even highlight interesting reads from the web”



Pocket provides a central hub for saved articles

25 APPS TO SURVIVE WINTER

WINTER CAN BE A DEPRESSING
TIME, BUT THESE APPS WILL
HELP YOU GET THROUGH

BEWEATHER 2

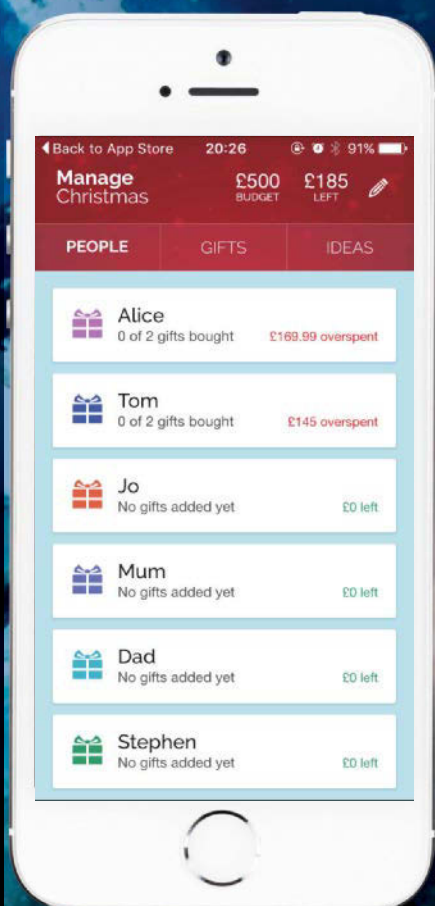
CUSTOM WEATHER WIDGET AND APP



Depending on where you live, winter will either be cold the whole way through or changeable to the extent that you may not even be able to drive to work. The unpredictability of snow and icy mornings is something that you should do your best to foresee and with *BeWeather 2*, you will have the tools you need to ensure you can take the right weather precautions. Alerts are always shown in red near the top of the screen, which immediately draw your attention, and below that you will see a forecast for the week ahead. The interface is incredibly detailed while remaining easy to understand with a careful use of text and icons to give you what you need. Full text descriptions of the weather are also shown and these often include more details that you will see elsewhere, and you will also see links to weather warnings if it is considered severe enough. Multiple cities and satellite imagery are catered for and there really is nothing missing in this deadly accurate and informative weather app. If you need to avoid the snow this winter, then look no further.

● iPad+ | iOS 9.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● Android | OS 2.1 | £1.27/\$1.99

“You will have the tools you need to ensure you can take the right weather precautions”



MANAGE CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST MANAGER



A small amount of time spent managing your Christmas present list can save you a lot of money, and this app is the perfect solution to help you stick to a budget. It takes seconds to add people you love and when you have added presents, you get the opportunity to make them as wrapped, sent, bought or not bought. It doesn't attempt to be overly seasonal in the design, but sticks to pure simplicity.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

LEFT Get everyone the right gift with this professional app

BELOW Track the weather in great detail with *BeWeather*. It works brilliantly



LISTEN TO THE RADIO

Thousands of radio stations can be streamed and managed with this very professional radio solution. It's perfect for surviving the winter.



TUNEIN RADIO PRO

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99
● Android | Varies | £7.99/\$9.99

25 APPS TO SURVIVE WINTER

ENTERTAIN YOUR KIDS

THE EARTH BY TINYBOP



Keeping children entertained when it is cold outside for long periods can be difficult, but this clever educational app helps them to learn as well as play. They can cause volcanoes to erupt, trigger an earthquake, and learn about the weather and the effects it has on the planet. It is beautifully designed and has potential to keep your children entertained for hours.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.49/\$2.99

TOCA KITCHEN 2



Would you like to keep your children busy, but also keep them out of the kitchen? Well, with *Toca Kitchen 2* they can make their own fun virtual foods and not get in your way at all. The design is perfect for younger kids and it really is great fun at every single step, with realistic characters and a variety of tools to keep them thinking and amused for a long time.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

MR. POTATO HEAD – CREATE & PLAY



With this game very young children will get the opportunity to put arms where eyes should be and to manipulate Mr. Potato Head in any way they like. It is effectively a virtual re-creation of the classic children's toy and will no doubt cause huge amounts of laughter every time the kids get to play around with it. Longevity may be an issue, but while it lasts it really is great indoor fun.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

MACHINE WORLD



Children who enjoy making things will be able to pass the colder winter days with *Machine World*, a game which offers them infinite possibilities to build structures and landscapes, and in a way which is educational as well. Graphically it is superb, and every part of the interface creates an immersive experience that is addictive and enchanting all at the same time.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | £1.49/\$1.99

ELMO CALLS




All children love Elmo and with this app they can receive phone calls from him which sound extremely realistic. Video call capability is included alongside voicemails to add some variety, but it is the interactive way it works that makes it truly shine. Simple ABC training is also available so they will learn at the same time as having lots of interactive fun with Elmo.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99
● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium


TAKE IN A GOOD MOVIE

NETFLIX

 You do need to pay a monthly subscription to access Netflix content, but it is worth it because you get access to thousands of films and TV shows that are streamed from a reliable platform. It makes for the perfect time waster when you are unable to go out and you may discover many new shows and films to watch as well. It almost gives you unlimited entertainment.


● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | Varies | Free**

PLEX

 Plex is the perfect app to create a streaming home entertainment system and to organise all of your films. You can send your content to any connected screen in the house and truly relax knowing that you have immediate access to all of your media at any time. The more effort you put in to setting it up and tailoring it for your needs, the more entertaining it will be.


● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium**
● **Android | OS 3.2 | Freemium**

VIMEO

 YouTube is great for curling up and watching quick clips on a variety of subjects, but Vimeo is more than a worthy competitor. Some of the videos are much longer and more professional than the standard clips on YouTube and if you really do want a quality experience, it is well worth trying out. It is free, reliable and fast, and could keep you entertained for hours.


● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free**

MYTUBE

 MyTube helps you navigate the millions of clips available on YouTube and can save you a lot of time. Instead of wandering around YouTube in the hope of finding quality content, you can simply view the very best videos in the professionally constructed category lists. It actually works very well on a mobile device and is perfectly tailored to work on the small screen.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**

VEVO

 If you enjoy music and in particular the music video experience, Vevo offers the most tailored way to watch clips from your favourite artists. It is very well presented, extremely easy to search and can be streamed to a larger screen with ease. The fact that the content is so wide-ranging also helps and means you will return to it many times. Let the music warm you up.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free**

SLEEPS TO CHRISTMAS LITE



Children tend to get excited by Christmas early on and this can lead to lots of silliness and frustration if it is not tempered in some way. Without taking away any of the fun, *Sleeps to Christmas* lets them know exactly how long they have left to wait and also includes a few fun features to make it worth opening time and time again. It's such a simple idea, but it offers many benefits for parents.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free**



ENJOY MANY HOT MEALS

The perfect antidote to cold weather is a hot meal, and what's better than a pot of ideas for a slow cooker feast?



SLOW COOKER CROCK POT RECIPES

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99**
● **Android | OS 2.2 | £0.79/\$1.23**



MONZO



Take yourself back to the days when building a new model kit was extremely exciting and do it all on your mobile device with *Monzo*. A huge number of models are available and the way it works has been cleverly created to work on the smallest of screens. On a dark cold night, building a selection of models will make the time fly by and keep you entertained for hours as you relive childhood memories.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**
● **Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium**

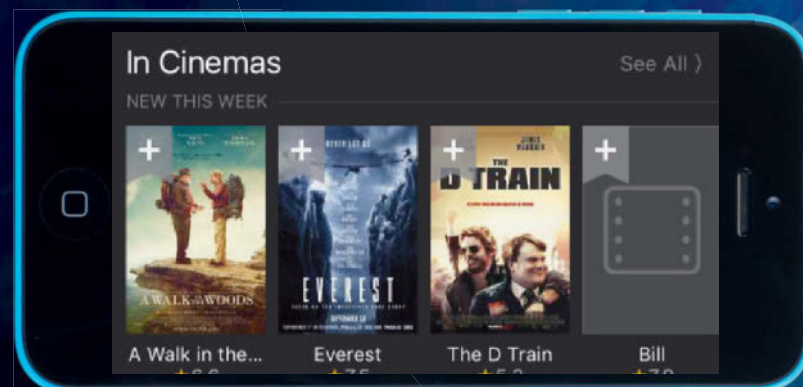
IMDB MOVIES & TV



Enjoying a good movie while the weather is inclement outside can feel like the perfect evening in, but it can be difficult to find one that suits your mood or distinguish which is worth your time. The *IMDb Movies & TV* app is the perfect answer to this question because it is unbelievably comprehensive, incredibly accurate and is backed by millions of users. This means that the rating for each film or TV series is sourced from the thoughts and reviews of thousands of users, and so you are likely to know whether a film is worth paying for. With so many ways to now purchase and stream media in an instant, the only negative left is choosing the wrong one and this app solves that problem immediately. Indeed, you may not even get to watch the film because the app is so professionally presented and so interesting that you could spend ages just browsing and reading the content.

It's hard to think of a more comprehensive or impressive app for finding the best film and TV show recommendations. IMDb is a legendary name in film, and that's with good reason.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free**
● **Android | Varies | Free**



SOCCER PHYSICS



There are few better games to play with friends than *Soccer Physics*. From the crazy movements of the players to the confusing strategies it employs, it is truly hilarious and will keep you laughing for hours. You never actually realise how you won or lost, but this is what makes the game even more fun. You can even record games and share replays. It is simply the perfect multiplayer experience for the small screen.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99**

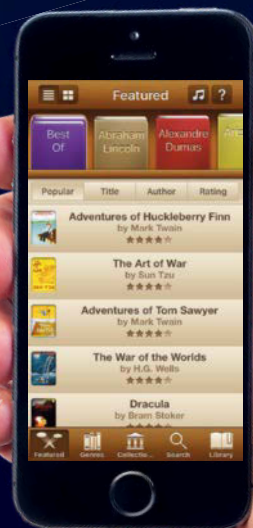
FREE BOOKS



The interface in *Free Books* is starting to look a little dated nowadays, but the content will never date and it still offers an extremely positive reading experience. All of the classics you know and love are included automatically and you can buy more at any time, which makes it the perfect app to curl up with on a cold night to enjoy the classics all over again.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.1 | Freemium**
● **Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium**

Keep out of the cold with a wonderful classic book



STAY SAFE AND WARM

NEST APP



The ability to change the heating levels in your home from just a phone or a tablet is wonderful for a variety of reasons. It ensures that you can set the heating just right and also gives you the opportunity to save lots of money over time. The *Nest* system is one of the most intuitive and better looking solutions on the market and it works superbly.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free**

WEATHERBUG



WeatherBug can alert you to national weather service warnings as soon as they appear and also claims to be 50 per cent faster at notifying you for many of its alerts. No matter where you live, the potential for extreme weather is always there and this app could make a huge difference to you. Even if you use it rarely, it does offer you some valuable peace of mind.

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium**
● **Android | Varies | Freemium**

TEMPERATURE FINDER



Knowing the temperature is vital in winter and not just so you know what to wear. If the temperature is close to or below zero, you will be aware that frost or black ice is likely and can then choose your driving or walking routes accordingly. This is why *Temperature Finder* is such a useful and convenient app to have installed.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free**

INSULATION CALC ELITE



This app may look overly complex, but it is surprisingly useful for anyone who owns a home. You can use it to check the effectiveness of the insulation you have in your house and then see how much improvement can be made by adding more. It will save you money when adding more as well as in the long term.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99**

HEAT GENIUS



Heat Genius is one of a number of apps that will work alongside accessories to let you control the temperature of every room in your house. This means that you can set radiators to turn on when you are coming home and always have a warm atmosphere available to you, but without the added cost of heating every single room. This really is the future.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free**
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Free**

POCKET YOGA



It can be hard to motivate yourself to go for a long run or head to the gym when the weather is poor, but there are options to improve your fitness indoors. Yoga is particularly well suited to the winter months because you can do it anywhere and ideally you will want a quiet atmosphere, which can be hard to come by at the gym. *Pocket Yoga* is a wonderfully designed app which guides you through different sessions using animated videos. This is an unusual approach because most apps use videos of instructors, but it lends itself well to the calming nature of the exercises and makes everything very easy to follow. Your progress is tracked so that you can improve over time and with support for HealthKit on Apple devices, you really will be able to work at your own pace. It gives you the chance to make the most of the winter months without feeling the need to brave the cold and go for long runs, and if you understand yoga you will know that the health benefits are positive in many areas.

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.29/\$2.99**
● **Android | Varies | £1.89/\$2.99**

“With support for HealthKit on Apple devices, you will be able to work at your own pace”



You can still keep fit without leaving your warm home

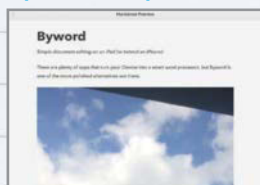
BEST APPS FOR WRITING A NOVEL

IF THERE'S A STORY IN YOU, THESE APPS WILL BRING IT OUT

BYWORD

B If you're looking for an app that lets you get on with your writing and keeps everything else neatly hidden from view so that nothing distracts you, then *Byword* may well be it. It supports the universally loved Markdown formatting language (a simple tagging code for adding headers and formatting) and the iCloud syncing works as seamlessly as you would want it. One of the best-looking and most straightforward writing apps on iOS at the moment.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| £4.49/\$5.99 | v2.3.4

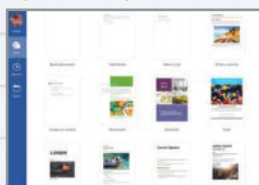


MICROSOFT WORD

W You might associate *Word* more with updating your CV or making a poster for your missing cat but Microsoft has put a lot of effort into its mobile apps of late, and they're free to use as well. In terms of features you'll find most of the formatting and layout options that are available in the full desktop application.

Not the most exciting choice, but the mobile version of *Word* is an impressive app.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
| Free | v1.13.1
● Android | OS 4.4
| Freemium | Varies



GOOGLE DOCS

G What *Google Docs* lacks in terms of features and visual flair it makes up for in seamless cross-platform syncing: you can pick up where you left off from just about any device or computer. There's support for images and basic formatting, and all your changes are synced to the cloud as you type even when you're offline.

Google's online word processor is now one of the best mobile apps.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v1.2015.38205
● Android | OS 4.1
| Free | Varies



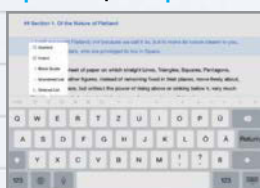
ULYSSES



Ulysses (iPad and Mac) is designed specifically for scribes and comes with a wealth of features to make it easier to get your ideas down on (digital) paper. With a clean, distraction-free UI, the ability to organise your notes and sync them across iCloud, and a range of powerful export options, it's one of the best options out there despite the high price.

Apps
★★★★★
FIVESTAR AWARD
★★★★★
Ulysses isn't cheap but it oozes quality and offers you plenty of features.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 8.0
| £14.99/\$19.99 | v2.1.1



iA WRITER



Recently updated, *iA Writer* has long been a favourite among those who want to write on the go. It combines a minimalist aesthetic with a bunch of useful hidden tools – you can reconfigure the keyboard for your needs, export in many formats, sync to the cloud and more.



It looks plain on the surface but there's lots of useful functionality here.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.2
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v3.0.1
● Android | OS 4.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.3.1



HOOKED 0_0

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Epistolary presentation makes stories easy to digest
- ▲ Short stories might appeal to some
- ▼ Content is thin on the ground unless you're willing to pay
- ▼ The quality of the stories is questionable at best

READ 'EM AND WEEP



Words. We see them everyday. What you likely don't do everyday, however, is actually read them. That's not us implying that you've got the comprehensive skills of a damp sponge, but more an observation about the 21st century – a bit deep for an app review, we know, but relevant nonetheless.

See, we live in a world obsessed with technology, full of millennials more interested in scrolling through Facebook,

swiping through *Tinder*, and browsing the seemingly infinite pages of Reddit than reading something meaningful. Disagree? Okay, let us ask you a question. When was the last time you actually read something? Well we haven't done any real reading in a long, long time.

Hooked 0_0 – we hate to use an emoticon beyond a text message, but you'll need to add it when searching on the App Store to be able to find it – is a freemium app from Telepathic. It aims to change reading by tailoring stories for our digital age. Presented as back-and-forth text conversations, *Hooked* offers users a new story each day – a bite-sized tale perfect for your morning commute, or that mid-morning coffee break. On paper it's an intriguing concept, but it quickly shows its numerous shortcomings.

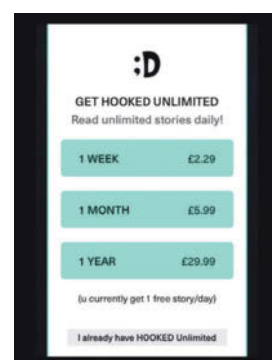
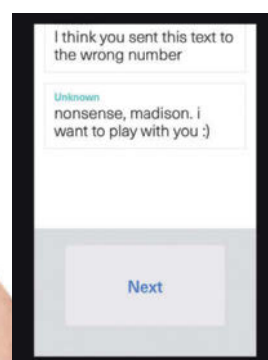
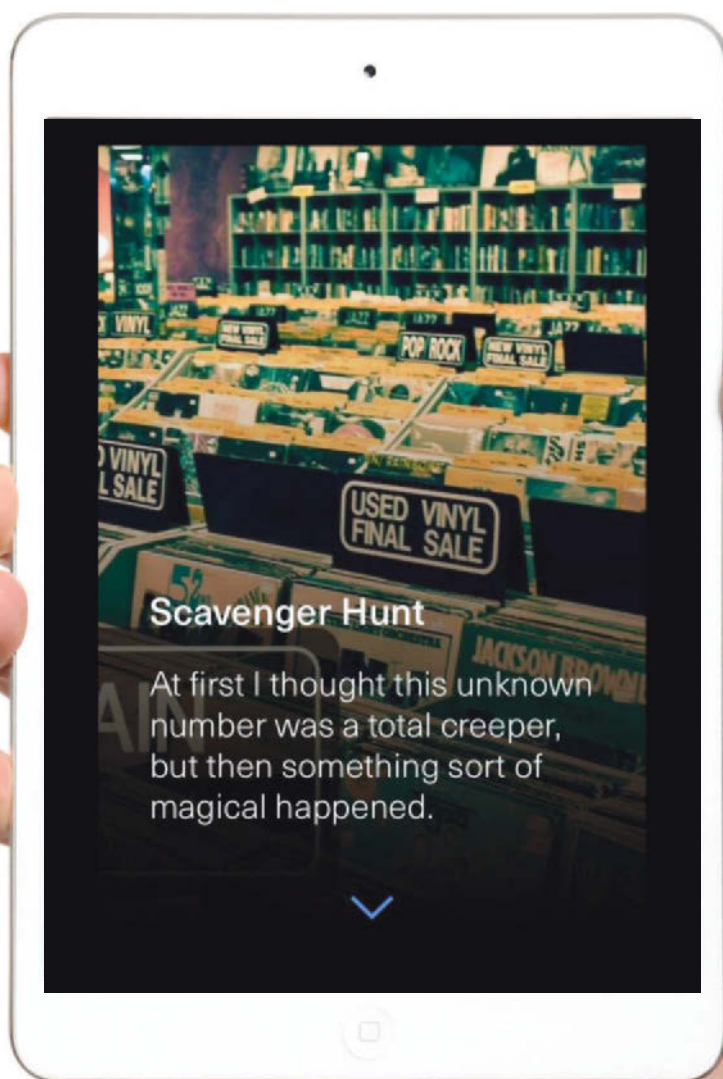
First of all, the format itself is restrictive. The app demands that stories all be told in one way, which means the platform is unable to support writing that offers any real depth. That leads us swiftly to the second glaring issue with *Hooked*: the stories themselves. In all honesty, they're just not that good, and if the Telepathic team want to make any money they'll need to rectify this problem immediately.

So, where does that leave you? Hopefully, down at your local bookstore, about to spend your hard-earned cash on a new book that's already got your mind racing. Trust us, you made the right call.

A novel idea, but unfortunately it is one that fails spectacularly due to a lack of quality content and a restrictive platform.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v 1.0



Above Epistolary presentation makes for easy reading

ALTERNATIVELY

Read better books with these apps

01 KINDLE

Download *Kindle* and you can gain access to over three million books, and 750,000 of which are *Kindle* exclusive releases. It's got us hooked already.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| Freemium | v4.12
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | Varies

02 iBOOKS

Apple's very own virtual book store, *iBooks* is a service that enables you to buy bestsellers and classics, and also offers a selection of surprisingly decent free reads.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v3.2

03 SCRIBD

While the app itself is free, a *Scribd* membership will set you back \$8.99 a month. For that, you'll get unlimited access to over one million titles.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v3.13
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v3.13

04 GOOGLE PLAY BOOKS

Another online book store, *Google Play Books* and offers unlimited cloud storage and offline support across of its four million titles.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v2.5
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | Varies

05 AMAZON

Instead of buying an eBook head to *Amazon* and buy the real thing. Nothing beats that new (or old if you buy secondhand) book smell.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v5.2.0
● Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

NATIONAL THEATRE BACKSTAGE

TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY, THAT IS THE QUESTION



I'd say that I hate it when an app ends up being an excruciating disappointment, but the pessimist in me knows that just isn't true.

What I do hate is when an app showing genuine promise ends up throwing away my

love because of a basic errors. Unfortunately though, that's exactly what *National Theatre Backstage* does.

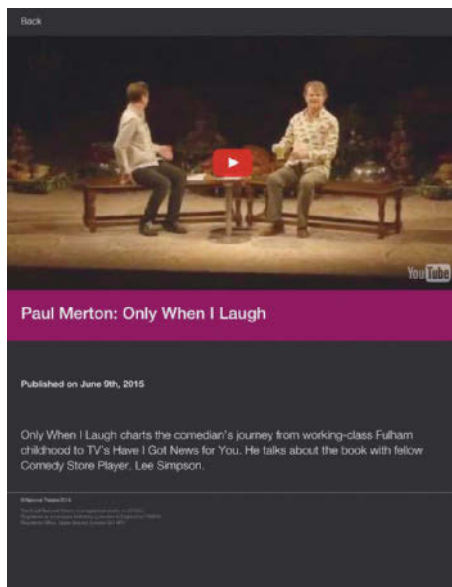
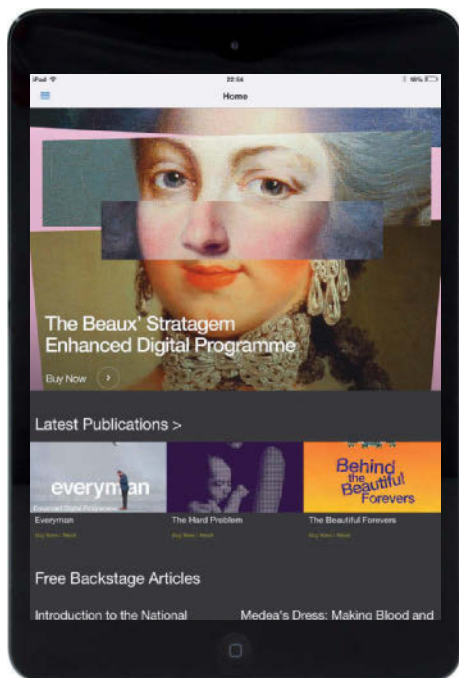
Indeed, the app itself is no more than one huge tease, designed to lure theatre fans in with the promise of behind-the-scenes content, "in-depth articles," and "stimulating editorials" that wind up being locked behind a pay wall or already on YouTube and Soundcloud.

More frustrating is the fact that the app professes to offer a free preview of its paid-for programmes and articles so readers can try before they buy, when in reality, not one of the "enhanced digital programmes" I went to purchase gave me that option. Instead I was cordially informed that "this article is not available for preview".

My frustrations might seem petty, but any app should, as a minimum, make good on its promises. *National Theatre Backstage* might be a functional app that knows how to make content shine, but its failure to deliver the bare essentials has left a bitter taste in my mouth. ***National Theatre Backstage's* insistence on locking up the best content will leave fans bitterly disappointed.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.3
<http://bit.ly/nationaltheatrebackstageios>



Above Pay walls can keep the better content out of reach

MSTY

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS, OR JUST WHITE NOISE?



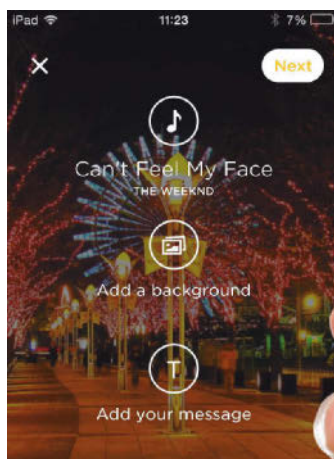
The App Store is akin to 19th century America. It's a land of unbridled opportunity. Enter *MSTY*: a new *Snapchat*-esque messaging app that lets friends communicate via the ancient medium of music. *MSTY* - or *My Song To You*, to use its full name - is clearly hoping to muscle in on a space dominated by the likes of *WhatsApp*, *Facebook Messenger* and the aforementioned *Snapchat*.

So, does it have what it takes to succeed in such a competitive market? Well, no.

Much like a chart-topping single, every world-conquering app needs one thing: a killer hook. *MSTY*'s is the ability to combine your messages with photos and a charting song to create a musical collage of sorts. The only problem is, it's not revolutionary or satisfying enough to feel even remotely noteworthy.

I can already send my friends a variety of music and image files using all of the apps mentioned before. Sure, I can't combine them into a single musical mashup, but I'm hardly going to lose any sleep over that.

As I said at the start, the most successful apps are usually the ones that manage to take an idea in an interesting new direction. *MSTY*, however, feels like a gimmicky imitation of its more successful, more reliable predecessors.

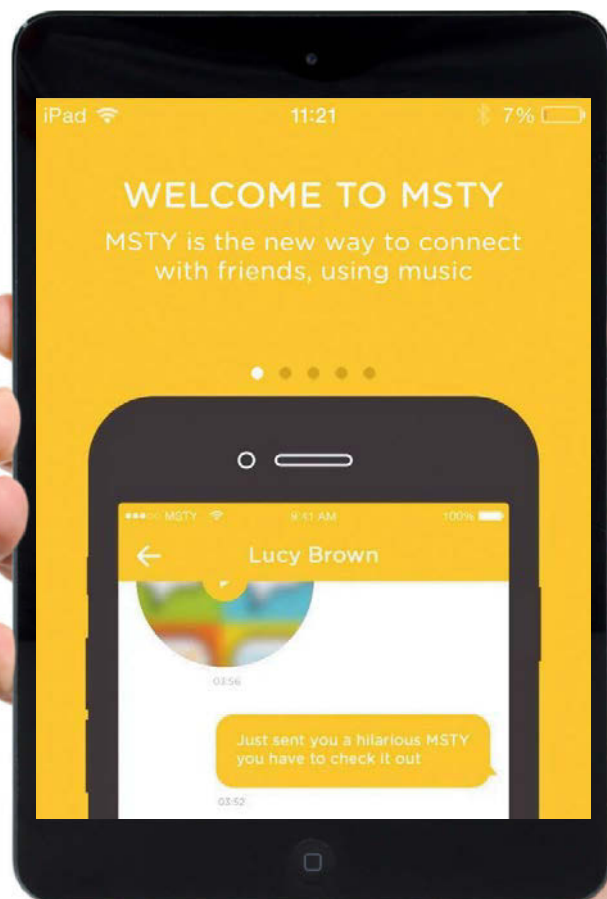


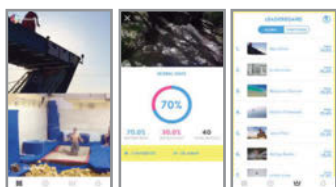
Above Combine your pictures with a number of chart-toppers

Neither a sleeper-hit or a one hit wonder, *MSTY* will struggle to make its mark.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.5.0
<http://bit.ly/mstyios>
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.7.0
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CLASHEM – VIDEO BATTLES



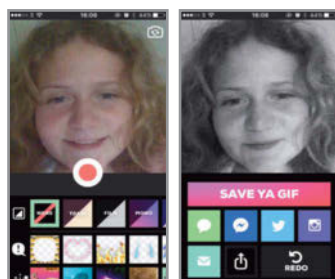
Clashem is designed to offer entertainment in five-second bursts by showing you video

battles. You get to view two very quick videos and then vote on which one you thought was the best, and it is very easy to become immersed in the bite-sized entertainment that it offers. We feel that the presentation doesn't quite live up to the idea, but with a bit of polish it could become very successful indeed. You can also upload your own videos and battle with other users for a spot on the global leaderboard.

For quick entertainment on the go, few apps work as well as Clashem does.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1.0



GIPHY CAM



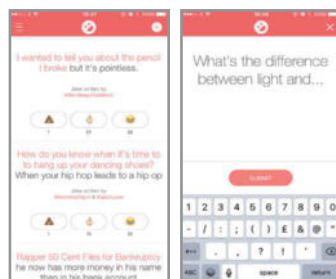
GIFs are very fashionable at the moment and this app will let you create

fun and personal ones in seconds. You can add special effects and filters to make each one you create unique and also record the GIFs on a loop if required. The ability to share the end results on all of the major social networks is also included which is an added bonus, but we should say that it may need a little more to be fun over extended periods of time. It feels like it needs more.

A competent GIF creator which is easy to use, but which feels quite linear.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1



HOWLER



The idea of collaborative social joke telling is great and here we have an

app that will help you read new jokes, make up new ones and get help with punchlines so that you can share the results with others. The interface is incredibly simple and almost too professional for an app like this, but we really did have fun using it. Some of the jokes already loaded are truly terrible, but don't let that put you off. Make up your own jokes and share them with others.

Read and share new jokes with anyone. Some of the results are truly hilarious.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.10



MUSICBET



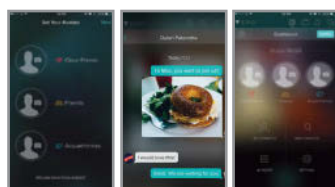
MusicBet lets you show your music prowess by rating any of the top 100

chart hits of the moment. You can listen to the songs, watch videos and also judge everything you see and hear which makes for a social experience that works quite well. The discovery aspects are very good and so is the ability to access new content, but the design of the app feels busy on some screens and can be confusing at first. It has lots of potential though.

Test your ability to spot a hit tune and earn credits in the MusicBet app.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v2.3



VERO – TRUE SOCIAL



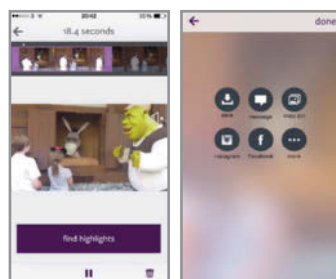
The main concern about social networks in today's world is privacy, but with

Vero you have the opportunity to only share your content with close friends who you are sure will respect what you post. It is flexible enough to deal with all types of sharing including links, photos and articles, but it is in the way it works that it truly shines. The overall design and features are exceptional making it a welcoming place to converse with friends one to one, but with an air of professionalism as well.

This social network puts privacy above everything else.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v0.8.3



VHOTO



Vhoto is a superb app which lets you import any video clip and then cut it to

a size that can be used as a GIF. You can then let the app search for highlights and leave it to do all of the conversion work for you. It really does what it claims to brilliantly, but an extra bonus is how well it can work as a video camera for capturing quick clips and then converting them to GIF form all in one action. It is a considerably made app which does everything you want.

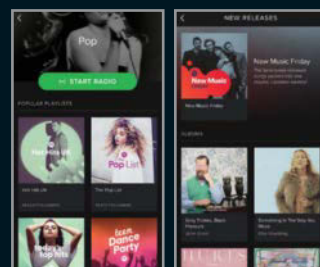
A GIF-making app that works well as a decent camera.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v5.0.0

TOP 05
apps to...

REPLACE APPLE MUSIC



01 SPOTIFY MUSIC



If you can put up with adverts, then Spotify lets you listen to songs for free. It's still Apple Music's strongest rival.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v4.0.0
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

02 SOUNDCLOUD – MUSIC & AUDIO



SoundCloud is a well-designed app that lets you find new and trending music. You can create playlists and see what friends like too.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.13.0
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

03 PANDORA – FREE MUSIC & RADIO



Pandora lets you input the name of a favourite song or artist and then creates streams it thinks you will like.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v6.5
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

04 SONGZA



Music is about mood and with this app, you can match tunes to the way you're feeling and the situations you are in.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.3.2
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v5.2.0

05 AMAZON MUSIC WITH PRIME MUSIC



If you're a Prime member, then try Amazon Music. It has advert-free stations and over a million songs for streaming or offline play.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.1.1
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v4.6.5

THE BEST iOS 9 CONTENT BLOCKERS

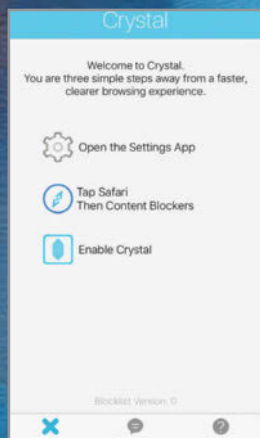
ENJOY A DISTRACTION-FREE WEB WITH THESE MOBILE SAFARI ADD-ONS



CRYSTAL

If you're looking for the basics from your ad blocker then *Crystal* fits the bill rather well. There are no settings or options to speak of – you just enable it inside Safari – so *Crystal* decides for itself the kind of content that constitutes promotional material. The app's developers have promised a four times increase in browsing speed as well as 50 per cent less data use along the way. An ad-blocker that sticks to doing the basics well.

★★★★★
 iPhone+ iOS 9.0
 £0.79/\$0.99 v1.0.1



BLOCKBEAR

We don't have much data on these iOS 9 content blockers yet because the software is so new, but the tests that have been run up to now have shown that *BlockBear* looks to be one of the best for speeding up your web browsing. It has a few simple options available, and that includes a very useful one for disabling those social sharing buttons that appear everywhere online. Excels in terms of speed and straightforward to use as well.

★★★★★
 iPhone+ iOS 9.0
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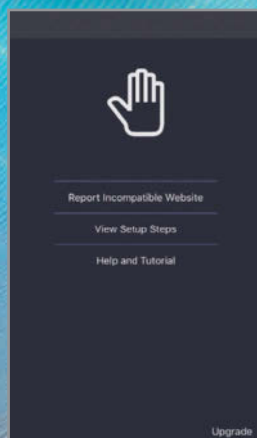
ADAMANT

Of the free or freemium content blockers that are currently out there, *Adamant* is one of the most stylish you're going to come across. *Adamant* is very minimal and straightforward indeed (which is a huge plus in our book), and it also comes with the added bonus of being able to customise the content blocking settings.



Offers a simple blocker for free with the option to upgrade.

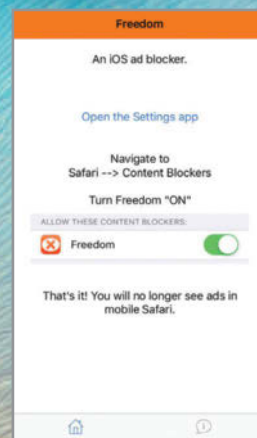
★★★★★
 iPhone+ iOS 9.0
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FREEDOM

If you want a content blocker that's completely free and easy to use, and you don't need any extra customisation options to play around with, we'd recommend installing *Freedom*. Based on the time that we spent with the app, we noticed that it does its job very nicely. It works so well because it cuts out the clutter and effectively speeds up the experience of browsing the web with a minimum of fuss. Not as advanced as some other options – but it's free.

★★★★★
 iPhone+ iOS 8.0
 Free v1.0



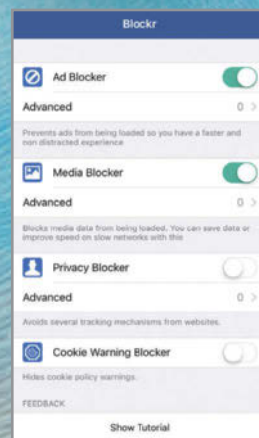
BLOCKR

Blockr gives you more options than most content blockers: good if you want to take full control over the process, not so good if you'd rather just dive in. You can block adverts, privacy trackers and media separately (the latter is useful if you're on a slower connection) and the app lets you put certain sites on a whitelist so that not all content of the same type is blocked.



One of the most comprehensive options out there.

★★★★★
 iPhone+ iOS 9.0
 £0.79/\$0.99 v1.0



THE EVERYTHING MACHINE

FROM FARTS TO PRANKS, PROGRAMMING AND ENGINEERING NEEDN'T BE DULL



Coding is shooting up the list of skills being demanded of children today and many educators have been exploring the best ways to enable young minds to think like programmers. Tinybop's latest app surpasses anything it has attempted before with a visual programming tool that enables the creation of elaborate on-screen machines.

The number of elements available is staggering and it takes a while to explore them all. The app makes full use of a tablet or phone's microphone, speaker, gyroscope, light, camera and screen. These functions turn the devices into a rich resource, allowing children to drag and drop elements onto the screen, opening up a host of possibilities.

Whether it is something as simple as turning on a virtual lightbulb when a face is recognised or something far more complex involving voice distorters, timers and colour changers. There is as much scope for creating pranks and involving farts (check out the Wind Thrower machine) as there is for the creation of something more serious.

PROS/CONS

- ▲ From mics to cameras, it makes good use of resources available
- ▲ The open-ended nature of the app invites curiosity and an inventive skill set
- ▼ It is very complex so you need to read the manual first
- ▼ The connections can feel a little fiddly

The beauty of the app is that it invites communication as much as exploration. Parents will want to sit with their children as they get to grips with the programming basics and to help them, there is an extensive manual which explains the role of everything at your disposal before explaining how to make four different machines. These instructions are well written and clearly explained, so much so that there can be a temptation to experiment yourself.

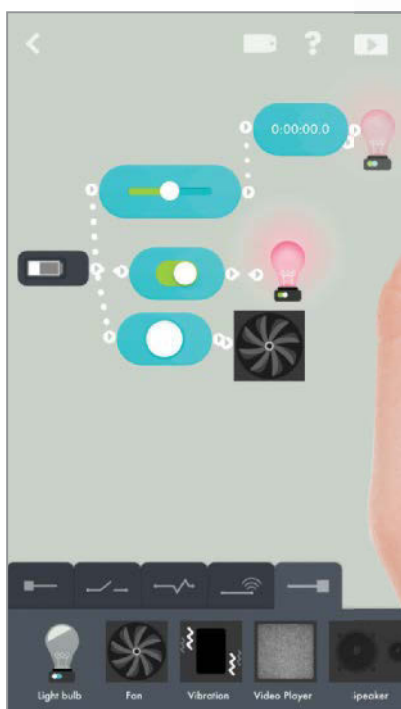
Every machine can be saved so that children can look back on their progress. They can also involve the devices of others in their creations. This makes *Everything Machine* social and educational and as a first step towards introducing children to coding, circuitry and engineering.



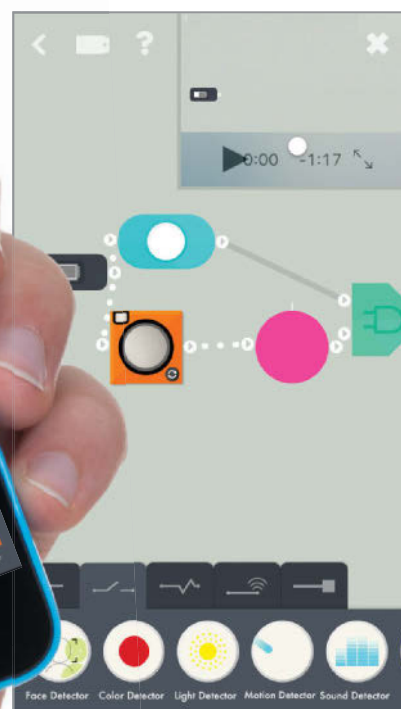
Tinybop has done it again. Like its previous effort, *The Robot Factory*, it proves education can be fun.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.49/\$2.99 | v1.0.3
<http://bit.ly/theeverythingmachineios>



Above Machines can be very simple or very elaborate



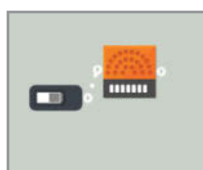
Above The manual is great at explaining the principles behind the components

HOW TO...

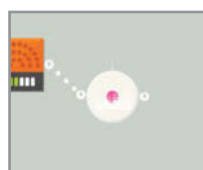
Create a simple machine with Everything Machine



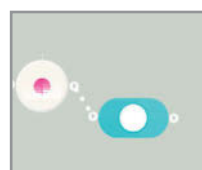
01 The battery
Each machine must have power so they must all start with a battery by default.



02 Add an input
The bottom of the screen shows various inputs. Here we are adding a microphone.



03 Detectors
By connecting a detector to the input, we can tell the machine to check for any sound.

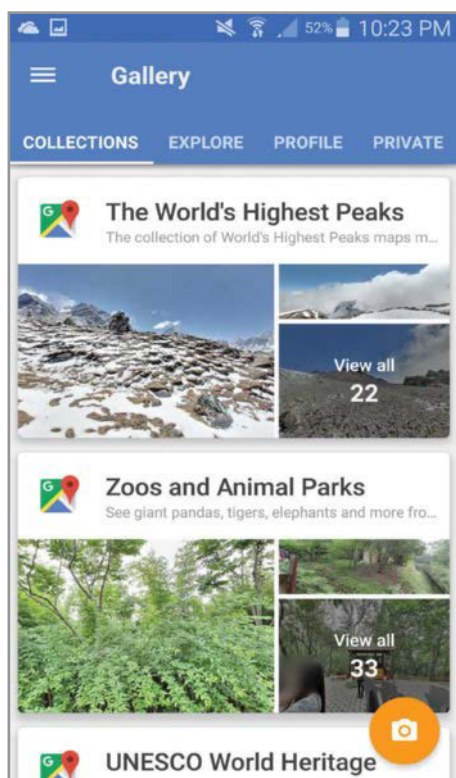


04 Add buttons
We can also add buttons. When there is a positive detection, tap this button to activate it.



05 The result
With a lightbulb at the end, the machine checks for noise, waits for a press and activates.

GOOGLE STREET VIEW



There are various ways to browse spherical views of exotic locations

GET AN ALL-ROUND VIEW WITH THIS SPIN-OFF

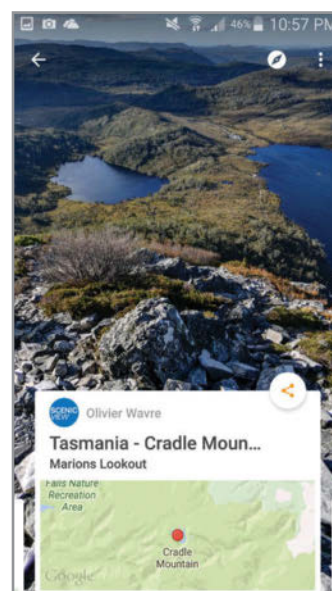


With this app, which replaces Google's *Photo Sphere Camera* app for the iPhone and *Street View from Google Maps* on Android, you can browse spherical images from *Google Maps* and the Photo Sphere community.

The Collections tab showcases photo spheres – immersive 360-degree panoramas – grouped under locations around the world. The Explore tab, meanwhile, features single spheres of exotic sites. There is also a Search function where you can enter place names to find spherical images recorded nearby.

Anyone with a Google+ account can upload spheres recorded with a smartphone or a camera designed for 360-degree photography. Uploads can be viewed as rotatable panoramas in *Google Maps* if they are shared publicly but only as flat two-dimensional pictures if they are shared privately.

Recording a photo sphere with a smartphone involves turning in a full circle and capturing images at intervals determined by the app. This can be tedious and the results are hit-or-miss. Hence, the novelty of sharing 360-degree



Left
Immersive panoramas are the next best thing to being there

views of your favourite places could rapidly wear off. The app makes it easy, however, to enjoy the often-amazing results produced by people who have the right equipment.

Turning *Street View* into a social network is a great way for Google to answer its privacy critics.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.0**

<http://bit.ly/googlestreetviewios>

● **Android | Varies | Free | Varies**

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GRATE – EPICENTER OF DINING

FIND OUT WHERE TO GET RESTAURANT SERVICE WITH A SMILE



The developers of this restaurant rating app want to make it easy for people to find a decent place to eat and get personal about the

service. Although the opening screen suggests otherwise, an account is not required to use the app's search function. That's just as well because the Facebook log-in option didn't work for this review.

The app's search box lets you enter the name of a restaurant or an address but the latter is unhelpfully restrictive. Typing in 'London', for example, produced no results.

Grate works best if you use it to find local restaurants. The menu it offers can range from local coffee shops to expensive eateries. Each entry includes the address, phone number and food choices where available. Moreover, integration with *OpenTable* and *Uber* means you can book in advance and request a ride.

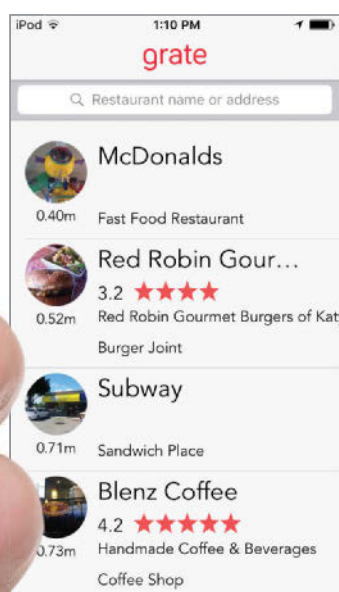
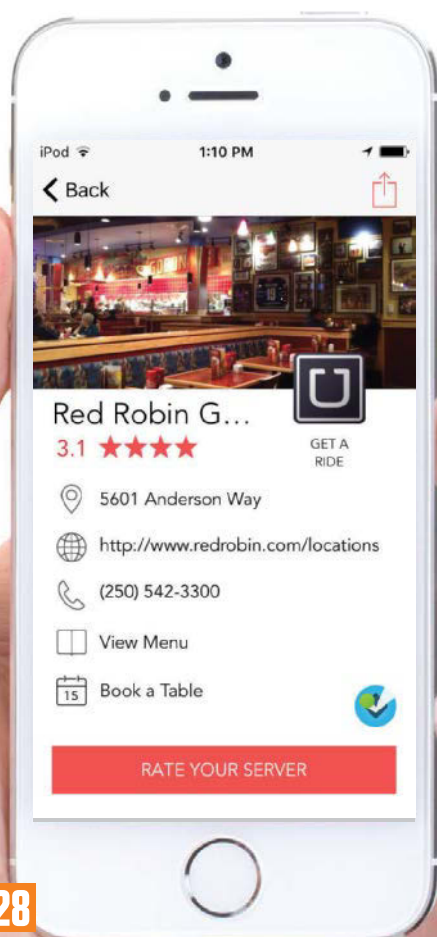
Grate's tastiest feature, though, is the option to rate your server. You can add their name if it's not already there. Then you can comment on why you left and sprinkle some kudos when you feel like your tip is not praise enough.

Despite some bugs, this app deserves a tip for having several handy features like being able to source nearby eateries.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v3.0**

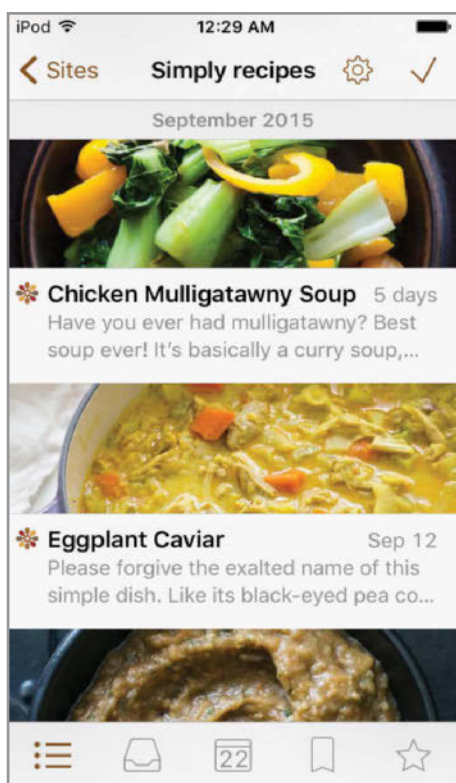
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Above The list of local food outlets is colourful and easy to read

NETNEWSWIRE

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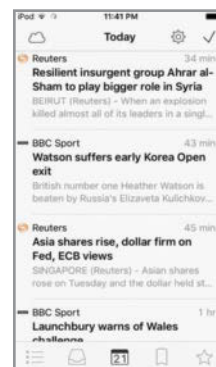
NetNewsWire should be familiar to anyone who has used an RSS feed or news aggregation apps like *Flipboard* and *Digg*. You select news and information sources and get a scrollable list of headlines with accompanying images if these are published in-line with the story at source.

Tapping on an entry in the list brings up just the headline linked to the source, the headline and a text excerpt, or the entire story with any embedded images and YouTube videos. You can bookmark stories, filter by source and date, sync between iOS devices and a Mac and share headlines with friends through various services.

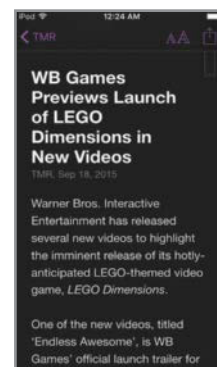
In-built links are provided to top websites such as Forbes, BBC Sport and Wired, as well as practical and lifestyle resources such as Simply Recipes and New York Times Fashion and Style. Appropriately for an iOS-only app, you can choose from sources of Apple news too.

Left There's more to *NetNewsWire* than just news, you can get tasty recipes too

"In-built links are provided to top websites such as Forbes, BBC Sport and Wired"



Above The list of headlines is easy to browse through



Above A dark background can be used to read at night

You can also try to add sites not in the Popular list by entering the URL. This doesn't always work, however. That could be a problem if you mostly want to aggregate your own news from sources. Together with being age-restricted on the App Store, it's *NetNewsWire's* biggest limitation.

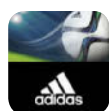
This app offers a tidy way to collate headlines but might not be able to read the sites that you do.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £5.99/\$7.99 | v4.0.0
<http://bit.ly/netnewswireios>

ADIDAS SNAPSHOT

CAN YOU BANG THEM IN LIKE BALE?



A well-placed long pass or goal-scoring free kick can be highlights of any football match. Now you can find out how well your kicks compare with those of the best footie players.

Using information collected through an iPhone, iPad or iPod camera, the app calculates

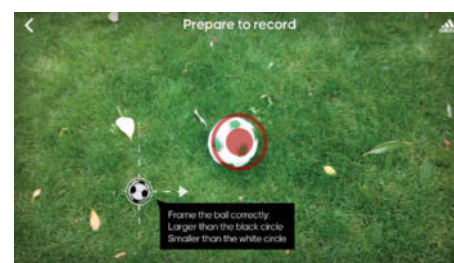
the speed, angle and distance of your shot and records a video that can be played back in real-time, slow motion or frame by frame. Videos can be enhanced with visual effects; you can add streaks of various colours to the flying ball.

To get the most accurate statistics, the recording has to be properly configured. This

"The app calculates the speed, angle and distance of your shot and records a video that can be played back"



Above The app has a brief guide to how it works featuring Gareth Bale



Above Line up the ball before the kick is taken

involves telling the app which of three official ball sizes the kicker will be using and whether they are left- or right-footed. The ball then has to be lined up correctly using an on-screen guide. When everything is in position, tapping the screen starts the camera.

You can add your stats to adidas's online scoreboard and, unsurprisingly, videos can also be shared across social media (like on Facebook and Twitter). The app also includes a link to the company's online store and a list of nearby adidas outlets, which might be handy if your results suggest that you need to go shopping for new boots.

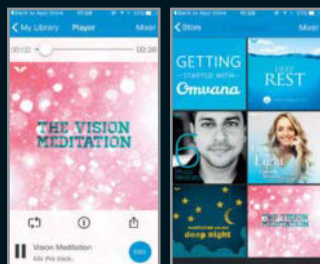
Adidas has created a handy tool for strikers who want to know if they are giving the ball enough wellie.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.0
<http://bit.ly/addidassnapshots>
 ● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.0
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TOP 05 apps to...

RELAX YOU



01 OMVANA – MEDITATION FOR EVERYONE

Omvana is a sophisticated meditation app which helps to keep you calm. It works with HealthKit on iOS devices too.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 9.0**
| **Freemium** | **v2.7.1**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0**
| **Freemium** | **v2.0.1-06606d4**

02 BREATHE2RELAX

This app explains how stress affects your body and teaches you breathing techniques.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 4.3**
| **Free** | **v1.3**
● **Android** | **OS 2.2**
| **Free** | **v2.5**

03 CALM – MEDITATE, SLEEP, RELAX, BREATH

As well as introducing you to mindfulness and meditation, there are seven meditation sessions here to keep you refreshed.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **Freemium** | **v2.5.4**
● **Android** | **OS 3.0**
| **Freemium** | **v2.5.4**

04 MARINE AQUARIUM 2.6

If you don't have the space, time or money to keep your own serene swimming fish, then this virtual tank works well too.

★★★★★

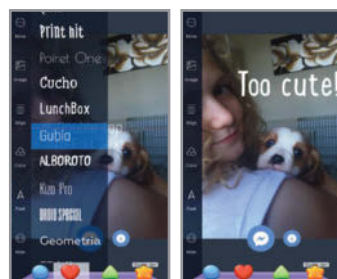
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 3.0**
| **£1.49/\$1.99** | **v2.6.2**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**
| **Freemium** | **v1.12**

05 MINDFULNESS DAILY

Relaxation should be built into your life and not used simply when you're feeling tense. Take daily reminders for some time out.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1**
| **£1.49/\$1.99** | **v1.072**



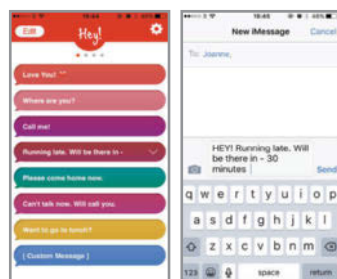
FONTMANIA

There is no doubt that **Fontmania** is great for adding text to photos and for making quick edits to add some personality to the images. It includes a variety of fonts, is very easy to use and is well priced for what it does, but we cannot shake the feeling that there are many other apps that do the same thing. If you need this kind of app, we can certainly recommend it because it works as it should, but there is a lot of competition to consider as well.

A decent app for adding captions to photos, but it isn't particularly original.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
| **£1.99/\$1.99** | **v1.0**



HEY! MESSAGING

The idea and design behind the **Hey! Messaging App** cannot be faulted because it has the ability to save you lots of time when communicating with friends and colleagues.

You can use up to four screens of predefined phrases to send immediately which means less typos, but in our tests we did struggle with numerous issues concerning reliability. With some needed fixes it could be fantastic.

This messaging app has great potential, but it is also more than a little buggy.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Free** | **v1.0**
● **Android** | **OS 3.0**
| **Freemium** | **v1.1**



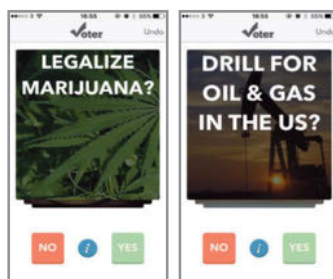
BASE – FILM STOCK CAMERA

With **Base** you can do something that we have not seen before and that it is see your photos naturally expire over time. You can snap new shots using a variety of real film styles and then save them as normal, but when you view them after using **Base** for some time they will expire just like a real analogue photo would. It is an incredibly impressive feature which unfortunately comes at the cost of some instability in the app currently. This should be fixed soon, however.

Capture photos using real film styles and watch them expire naturally over time.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0**
| **£0.79/\$0.99** | **v1.0**



VOTER

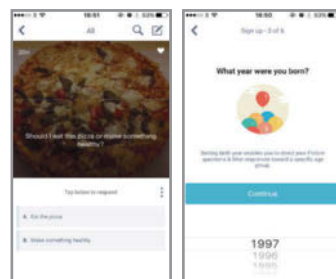
Voter is a novel app which works like an online dating site, but for politicians.

We understand if you want to run away at this point, but trust us when we say that it actually offers a very clever service where you can find out if a politician is on your side and has taken your interests on board. Answer a few questions and take the time to show the app what you are about, and matches will be offered. Some of the results really are truly surprising, but it is good fun too.

Can you trust a politician to look out for you? Yes you can.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.3** | **Free** | **v1.0.1**



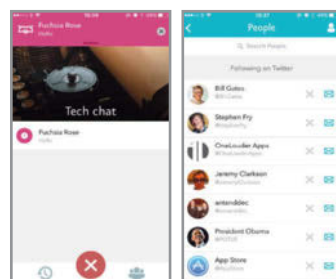
FLOTSM

Flotsm lets you anonymously ask questions of anyone who uses the app in regards to decisions you need to make. You can set up multiple-choice answers and also add information about yourself, but you should of course be aware that there is no way to check the validity of what people are saying when they respond. The fact that you can target users by age and can also publish your decision for more feedback is great, but we still have reservations.

If you really struggle to make decisions, this app could help you a lot.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free** | **v1.0**



WONDR

We applaud **Wondr** for its main aim which is to let you converse with your Twitter followers in a more private way by letting you post a topic anonymously. Your followers will see the post and can then join in if they want to. You can then have up to ten conversations at once. The way that this works is actually quite clever, but it will only suit those who are sure that their followers will be interested in the topic choices.

A more private twist on the Twitter experience which works as it should.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free** | **v1.3**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **Free** | **v1.1.1**

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INPUT – THE CLOUD CONSOLE

ISSUE QUICK TEXT COMMANDS TO A VARIETY OF CLOUD SERVICES

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The app offers suggestions and fields for easy-to-enter commands
- ▲ If you have no internet connection, it'll save an issued command for later
- ▼ The actions you can take for each service are quite limited
- ▼ You first need to sign in via a Google account; there's no other option



Input aims to enable users to quickly take a series of actions relating to various cloud services without having to open a bunch of different apps – you don't even need to have the relevant apps installed. You could think of it as a sort of simplified, cloud-based Mac/Linux terminal. For instance, commands such as dropbox-append and dropbox-prepend will add a line to the end or start of the selected text file in your Dropbox respectively.

To start using *Input*, you need to sign in via Google, which may put off some. You can then link it up to various cloud services, although you're limited to connecting two at a time unless you pay £1.49/\$1.99 to add another three. The options include several to-do list services – Asana, OmniFocus, Remember The Milk, Todoist and Wunderlist – enabling you to create tasks. Others are Buffer (write status updates), Dropbox (append, prepend and show text files), Gmail (send emails to others or yourself), Google Calendar (add events), Slack (send messages to any channel), Trello (add cards), Twitter (post a tweet) and Venmo (charge or pay friends). There's also a translate command to quickly translate text to another language.

Once you've connected some services, it's relatively easy to use the text-based interface. When you tap the text field, *Input* shows commands related to the connected services, so you don't have to try to remember them. It also provides blue fields to help you, and brings up a list of relevant files, contacts and more. When adding calendar events, we found it to be very flexible regarding the date and time format.

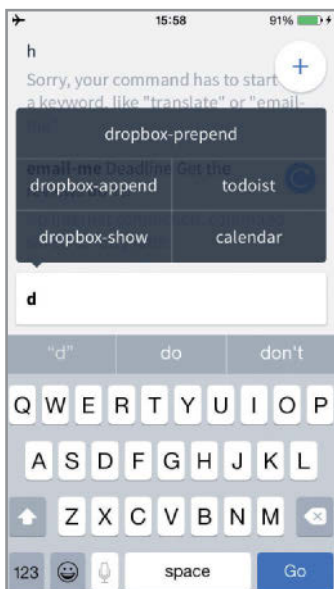
One downside is that there's quite a limited range of service options. For instance, you can't show files from specific folders on Dropbox or add a due date for a Todoist task, although there is an option to select a project.

A quick and easy way to issue commands, although it does have some limitations.

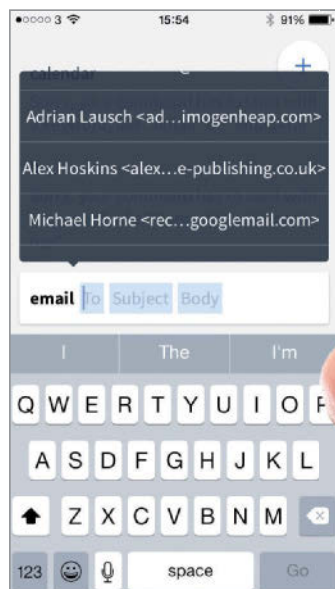
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.3

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Above Start typing to filter the list of command suggestions, then tap one to use it

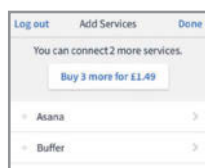


Above The app highlights relevant fields for the commands for easy entry



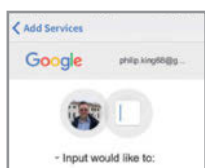
HOW TO...

Connect cloud services and issue some commands



01 Add services

Add one or more services from the list; an IAP is required to increase the capacity.



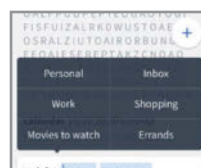
02 Give permission

For most services, you'll need to log in and/or give permission for *Input*'s data access



03 The commands

In its text interface, *Input* will offer a list of commands; tap one or start typing.



04 Add info

Input will prompt you with blue fields to fill relating to the current command at hand.



05 Pick a command

Press Go and *Input* will perform the action; if you're offline, it'll save it for later.

NEXT KEYBOARD

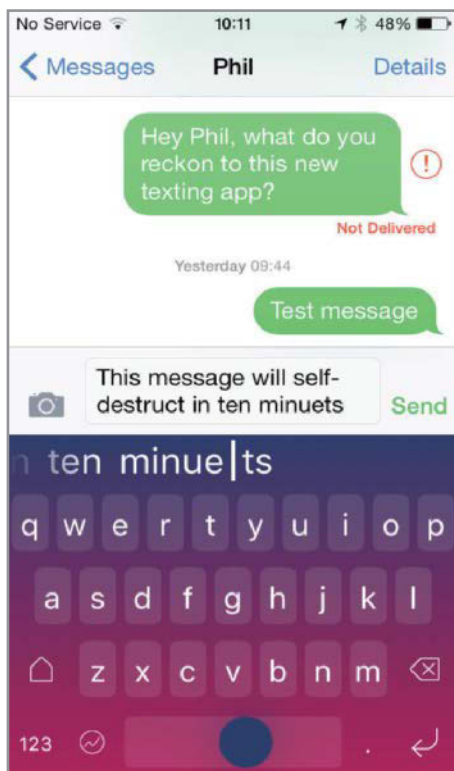
A SMART TOOL WITH SOME CLEVER FEATURES



This third-party custom keyboard stands out from the crowd due to several cool features. For starters, there's a choice of colourful themes, downloadable for free, with some featuring a different font. It's a shame that you have to open the actual app to switch themes, though, and can't do it from the keyboard.

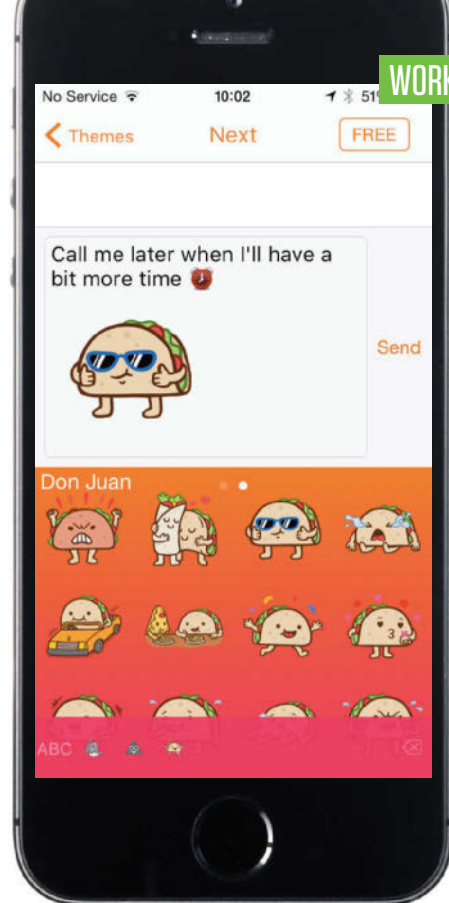
Still, a huge array of emojis are easily accessible from the keyboard, sorted into categories. These include huge emojis, which are large stickers that you need to paste into the text; several extra sets can be downloaded, including cute cats, dinosaurs and tacos. We came across a major problem with sending them, however: in our tests, the stickers didn't appear correctly for text or email recipients.

Predictive autocorrect worked fairly well, with the odd exception, and it learns new words along the way. Cleverly, it'll even predict emoji: type 'clock', for instance, and it'll suggest a clock



Above Swipe the space bar to move the cursor through the text for fast editing

emoji. A shame there's no swipe-type option, though. Perhaps *Next's* best feature, however, is the ability to swipe the Spacebar to move the cursor back and forth through text. It's ideal for editing typos, although we had an issue with it not moving right to the end of the text. Yet another issue was the keyboard switching back to the default Apple one at times.



Several glitches and the lack of a swipe-typing option mar what is otherwise a very smart keyboard.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.4
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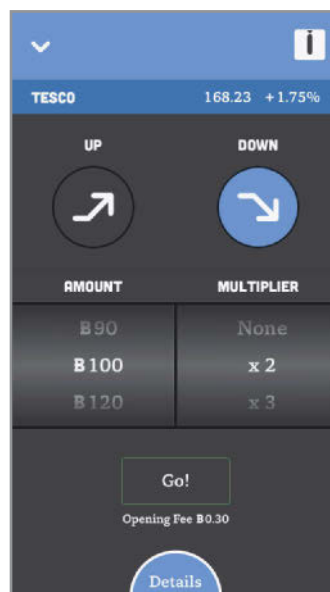


Want to dabble with the stock market, but don't know where to start? Well, *BUX casual stock trading* may be a good entry point since it enables you to trade with pretend money, with the option of upgrading to real cash later. Rather than buying shares, you place a 'hedge' bet (with a small commission cost) on whether a stock's price will rise or fall. For added spice, you can add a multiplier to increase the potential gain, but can never lose more than the initial amount invested.

Getting started is easy via a choice of tutorials suitable for your level of expertise. The main tab shows local and international stocks, plus market indices, commodities and currencies. You can also search or browse by category, but the range is limited to popular stocks so you won't find every FTSE 100 firm here.

It's fascinating to view your trading positions and see how share price changes affect them in real-time.

Fortunately, there's a handy feature to alert you - and/or close the position - when your profit/loss reaches a certain level. Another neat feature is the ability to engage in multiplayer



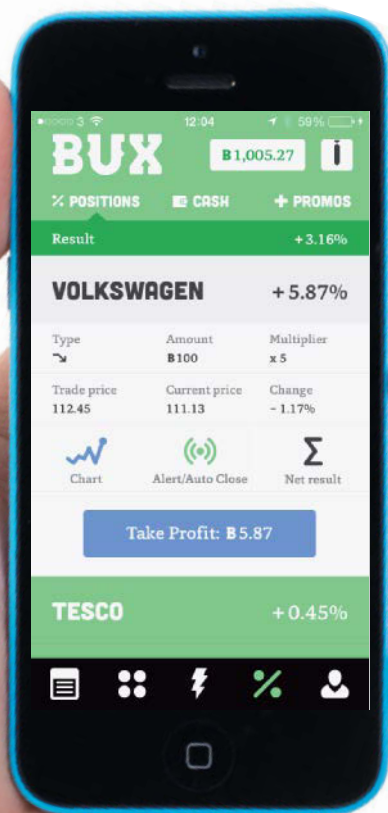
Left Make a hedge on a stock price rising or falling, adding an optional multiplier

'battles' to see who's the best trader. We'd advise caution before moving up to trade with real cash, however.



An interesting insight into how hedge trading works, complete with social elements.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.21.1
<http://bit.ly/buxcasualstockios>
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.21
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TOP 05 apps to...

GET ORGANISED WITH A LIST



01 WUNDERLIST

Wunderlist is more than just a simple to-do list app: it lets you collaborate on lists and share them with other people.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.2.2
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v3.3.10

02 EVERNOTE

It's one of the oldest and still one of the most popular note-taking apps, and it's perfectly equipped to help you create to-do lists.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Freemium | v7.8
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

03 TODOIST

If you like to plan ahead and see everything at a glance for the week ahead, consider this. It will cut your amount of organisation time.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.3 | Freemium | v10.2.1
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

04 THINGS

It may be pricey but it works as a treat by keeping everything as simple and as flexible as possible. You can move items around and use tags for a personal workflow.

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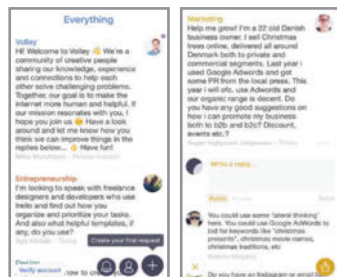
- iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | £7.99/\$9.99 | v2.8.1

05 ANY.DO

With collaboration tools, regular schedules and the ability to add video, audio, photos and files to your tasks, this can be used for the most complex of tasks.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.3.0
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies



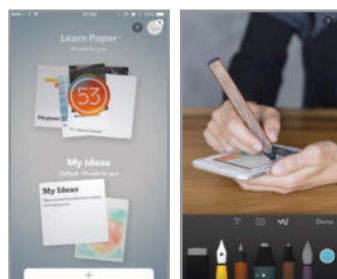
VOLLEY

The *Volley* app lets you post requests for help on its own social network so that you can get advice and tips on what to do next. It centres around startups, programming and design, and this focus on limited subjects helps to ensure that the right people are on hand to offer the advice that you need. The design is wonderfully simple and you are also able to put something back by helping others. Give it a try and you may be surprised at the positive results.

A professionally designed and highly beneficial topic-based business app.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0



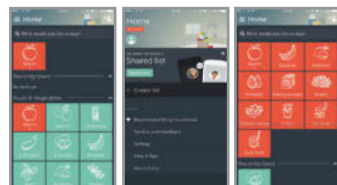
PAPER

Paper was greeted with much enthusiasm when it was first released and to this day it retains the highly natural artistic interface that made it so popular, but it has also been expanded to work as a note-taker which complicates the interface somewhat. You can insert photos, create sketches easily and also use text in your drawings which is great fun, but we're convinced that the original app was much more inviting to use.

***Paper* was a wonderful artistic app which has suffered slightly from an upgrade.**

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v3.0.3



BRING! SHOPPING LIST



Shopping list apps have historically been only adequate or poor, but here we have one which ticks all of the boxes for anyone who wants to be organised and keep on top of all of their shopping needs. The obvious icons help a great deal when making lists and when you are viewing items, and there is a multitude of extra features to play with as well. This really is a brilliant shopping list solution.

A brilliant shopping list manager which is visually gorgeous.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.2.0
- Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v3.2.0



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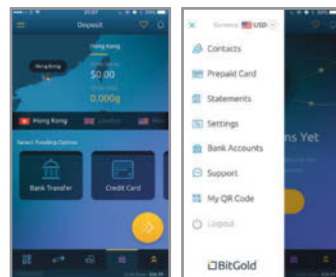


LiquidText takes the idea of viewing and annotating PDF files to a whole new level by offering a unique split-screen view which lets you make all of the edits you want with ease. There is support for a variety of online cloud services and you can also export individual parts of your finished work, which makes it very flexible when used in a variety of situations and with different people. It may be tricky to understand at first, but it is a very impressive solution.

A complete and clever PDF viewer and annotator with some unusual features.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1



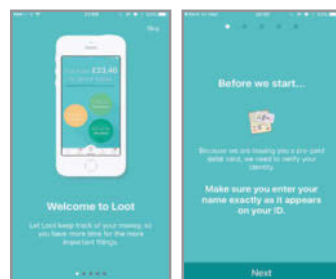
BITGOLD



By now we are all starting to realise that gold is a very stable long-term investment and in *BitGold* you have the ability to buy gold efficiently and to send money to sellers. It can even show you the current gold prices across 100 countries - best of all it does all this for free! The interface feels somewhat complicated at first and you will have to invest a high level of trust in it, but if you are confident it could be the ideal app for immediate gold investments. **If you want to invest in gold, this app could be a good solution for you.**

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free | Varies



LOOT



The *Loot* service comes with some safeguards which will make it ideal for a percentage of students who need help managing their disposable income. It uses a prepaid debit card which offers the expected flexibility of use anywhere and the setup process is unnervingly simple. Parents can send money to their children from abroad and throughout the app, you are likely to be impressed by the simple, but professional design and exceptional ease of use. **In the right circumstances, this service could help students manage finances.**

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.2

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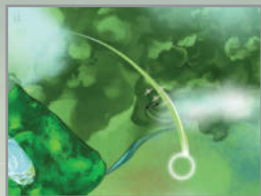
GATHERING SKY



What could be more restful and calming than guiding a flock of birds through a clear and open sky? That must be what the *Gathering Sky* developers were thinking anyway: sky, stars and earth all blend together in a captivating painted backdrop, and an original score recorded by the San Francisco Conservatory of Music adds to the appeal. This is recommended for tablets only. Needs a larger screen to work but really makes use of all those pixels.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● Android | OS 4.1 | £2.36/\$2.99



PRUNE



This app describes itself as "a love letter to trees", which gives you some idea of the gameplay that you can expect here. Your job is to prune each tree as it begins to sprouts from the ground, carefully guiding its branches around obstacles to the target. Like all of the best zen-boosting games that are out there, it combines a contemplative challenge with tasteful sounds and images.

Prune helps you find your inner peace through a series of virtual gardening exercises.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £2.99/\$3.99



THE SAILOR'S DREAM



The Sailor's Dream is more of an interactive storybook than a game, so it's easy on the blood pressure and the nerves. The app takes you on a mysterious journey wrapped in a strange tale, and there are plenty of secrets to uncover. Throughout, you're treated to gorgeous-looking visuals and peaceful ambient noises. Beautiful to look at, absorbing to play through and good for the soul.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.99/\$3.99



SHADOWMATIC

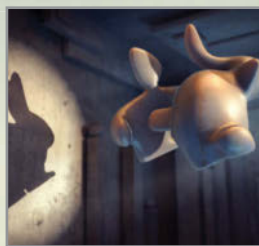
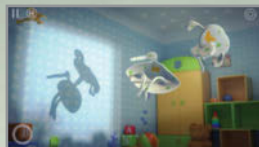


Reminiscent of that other meditative classic *Zen Bound*, *Shadowmatic* tasks you with rotating and manipulating objects so that they create recognisable shapes. The lights, visuals and audio are all spot on, and there's enough variety in the types of achievements you can attain and the secrets you can unlock to keep your interest for many an hour.

An excellent game in every regard, with a genuinely unique challenge at its core.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £2.29/\$2.99



MONUMENT VALLEY



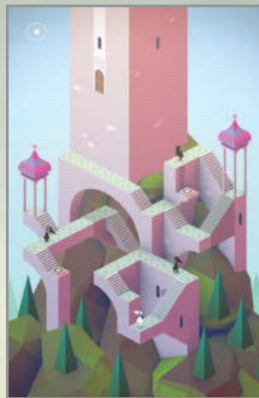
It's likely you've heard of *Monument Valley* before: it's won a stack of awards and an army of fans for its elegantly sculpted, gently puzzling levels that take you on a quest through geometrics and meditation. UsTwo recently added more levels (for a fee) and they're all as dreamy and as surreal as the originals.

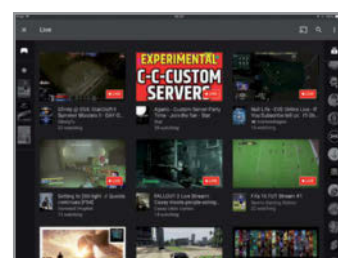
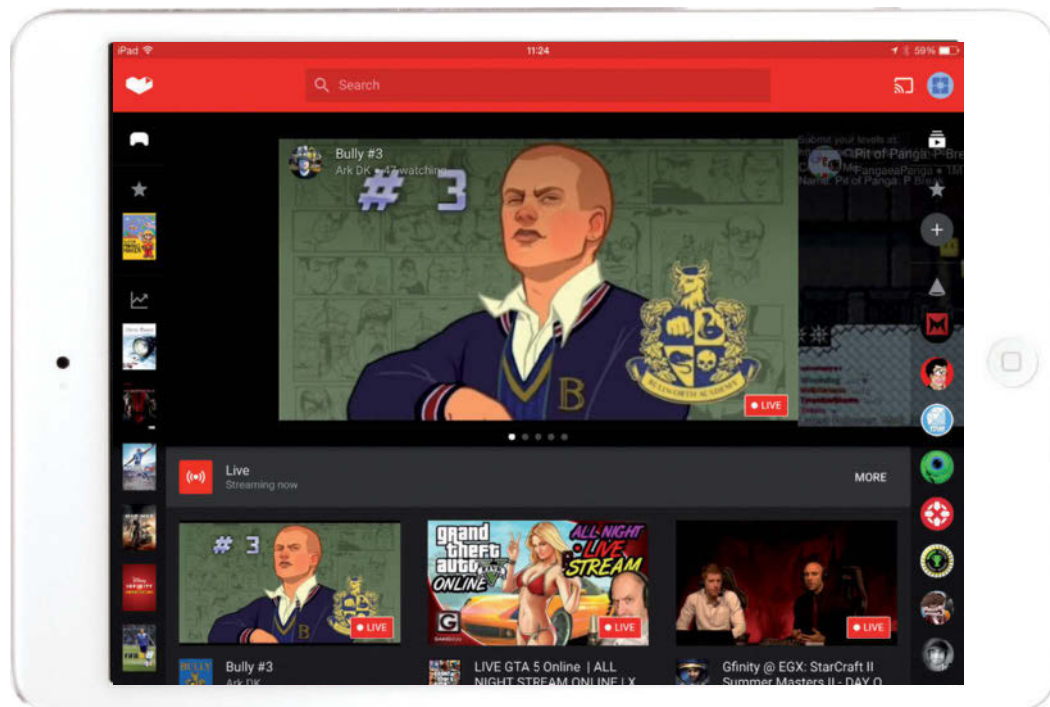


A landmark game that genuinely takes you to another place.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £2.99/\$3.99
● Android | OS 2.4.0
| £1.49/\$3.99





Above The Live section shows you all the live streams currently being broadcast

Left The main menu places live content at the top, with side panels for games and channels

YOUTUBE GAMING

GOOGLE'S TWITCH RIVAL FOCUSES ON LIVE STREAMS

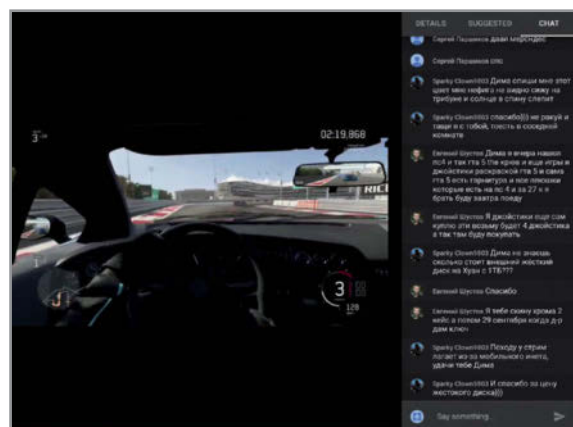
PROS/CONS

- ▲ The interface is well designed, making it easy to find what you want to watch
- ▲ Live streaming works well and you can interact via a text chat panel
- ▼ No facility yet for live-streaming footage recorded live on your device
- ▼ Some streams start with adverts and there's also some buffering



Why do we need a special Gaming version of YouTube? Well, while all its content, is already available within standard YouTube, the idea of the new app (and website) is to make content discovery easier for games fans. To this end, the app features the latest content – with a major emphasis on live streams – while two slim side panels list trending games and featured channels. The panels only show minibox art and icons by default (some aren't easily identifiable though), that can be expanded for more details. Tapping the star icon for a game or channel will add it to your favourites list. In addition, if you already subscribe to gaming channels, there's an option to import them. To help you discover new content, a powerful search facility lets you filter results by upload date.

Another neat feature is the way you can swipe between tabs for a selected game or channel, including custom categories for each content provider. If it's a game, a live streams tab makes it easy to find that type of content. While there can be some buffering and/or an advert upon first starting a stream, they run very smoothly in general, with a chat section for typing comments. One feature, not yet available in rival *Twitch*, is the ability to pause a stream and resume it from where you left off. As in standard YouTube, the video can be expanded to fullscreen or minimised to a corner while browsing for more. If you don't have an Apple



TV for AirPlay Mirroring, you can also cast the screen to a TV with a Chromecast.

About the only thing missing is the ability to live-stream footage from your device, although Google has announced this is definitely on the way for Android at least.



An intuitive interface makes for easy navigation and content discovery, while live streams play smoothly.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0

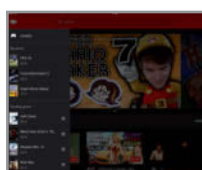
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● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0

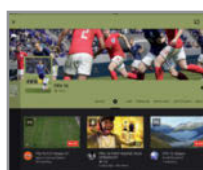
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SHOWCASE

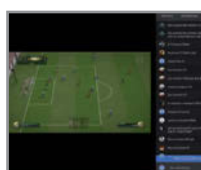
Find your favourite gaming streams and footage easily



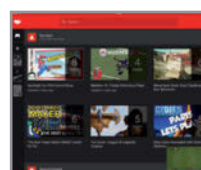
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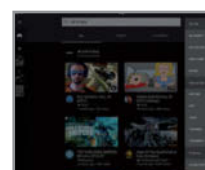
02 Handy tabs
Swipe between tabs for a game/channel, including one tab for watching live streams.



03 Live stream
Watch live footage, pause it if you need to and interact via the chat panel.



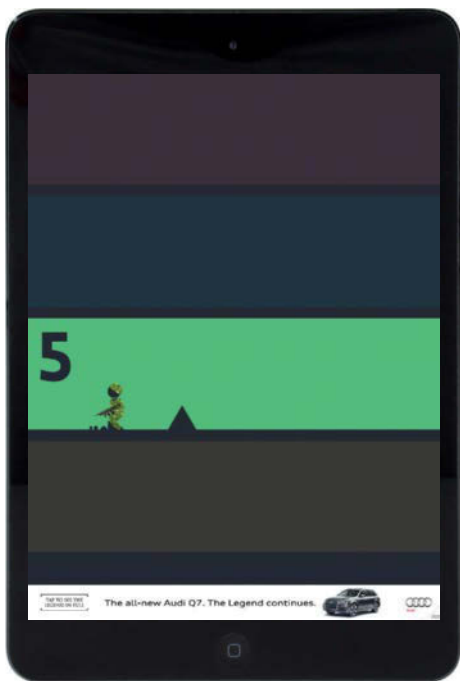
04 Browse more
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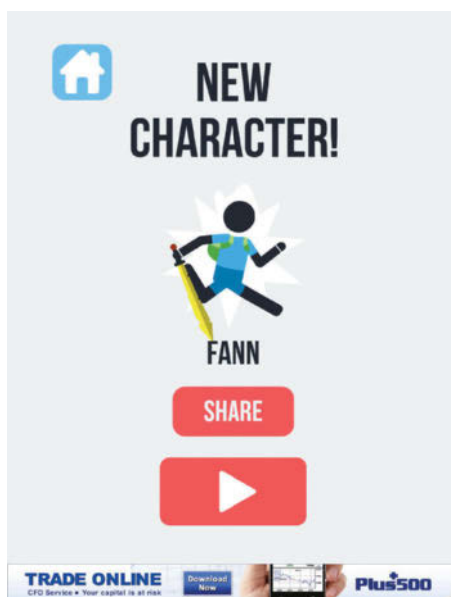
05 Search function
The search facility enables you to sort and filter the results by upload date.

FLOORS

IT NEVER STOPS GOING DOWN...



This game should really be called 'Tappy Floor' or something similar – mechanically, anyone who may have downloaded last year's mobile hit will immediately understand the core concept of *Floors*' mechanics: just tap the screen to perform a slight hop and hold it down



Above There are a lot of characters to unlock, but you never know which you'll be given

Left The game screen is dull. This isn't a game you're going to want keep tapping for days

for a longer, airier leap. The more floors that you clear, the more points you will get. And of course, there are collectible rubies to grab along the way.

Thing is though, this game is very frustrating. It's got all the workings of a solid, entertaining one-button game, but the design prevents it from ever really being *fun* to play. When you get to the later levels, your runner moves a bit too quickly when he appears on the edge of the screen, meaning you can't quite track it in relation to spikes. We get that this is a game about reflex and reaction times, but sometimes the game does feel outright unfair. You simply won't get better at it the more you play.

There's also the problem of having the bottom floor obscured by your thumb – we played on an iPad, and even then we found our tapping finger blocking out the runner when it appeared from time to time. This is a problem that would be even worse on an iPhone. Ketchapp has got a reputation for oversights in game design, and *Floors*, really, just drives the final nail into that coffin.

A good core idea, but ultimately this is a game rendered unplayable by a lack of difficulty curve and design.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.0
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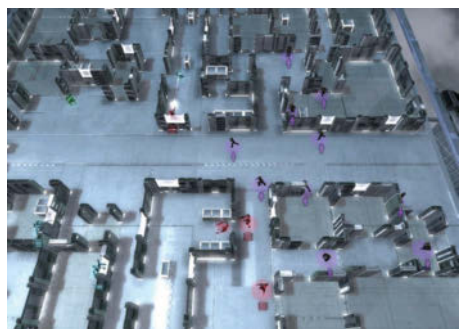
FROZEN SYNAPSE PRIME

COLD BLOOD WITH AN IRON FIST



Our favourite thing about this *Frozen Synapse* game is its time-freezing mechanic – rather than the typical real-time strategy game tactic of simply 'taking it in turns', *Frozen Synapse* lets you do as much as you can in five-second bursts: you give your orders to the troops, then watch the action progress with all the smugness of an elite commander.

Whilst this eponymous freezing mechanic is fun, it can become top-heavy. The game relies too much on this gimmick and ends up sacrificing cohesive play for five-second bursts



Above The visual language of the game is very easy to understand

of insanity. Strategy sometimes goes out the window in favour of attempting to second-guess what your opponent is going to do next. It's like chess, but without any of the certainty or bluffing... so it just ends up being a chaotic rampage.

Whilst encounters can quickly go awry, we can't criticise the mission and level design, and we have to complement the double helix these two elements form: every level is basically a puzzle you've got to solve, taking into account unit range, cone of sight, enemy number and the time you'll have to act. We like that – it makes *Frozen Synapse Prime* stand out a little bit from all the other cookie-cutter RTS games bloating the App Store.

Sometimes too chaotic for its own good, but largely a unique and interesting RTS with stellar presentation

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.01
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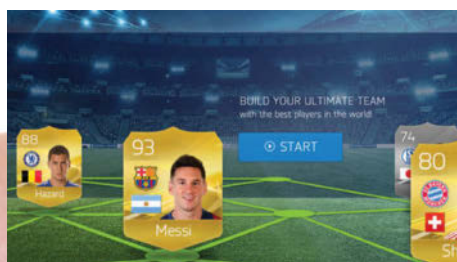
● Android | OS 2.3 | £2.99/\$4.99 | v1.01
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Above The game doesn't have the most exciting visuals, but they are impressive

FIFA 16 ULTIMATE TEAM

IS THIS GAME HITTING THE BACK OF THE NET?

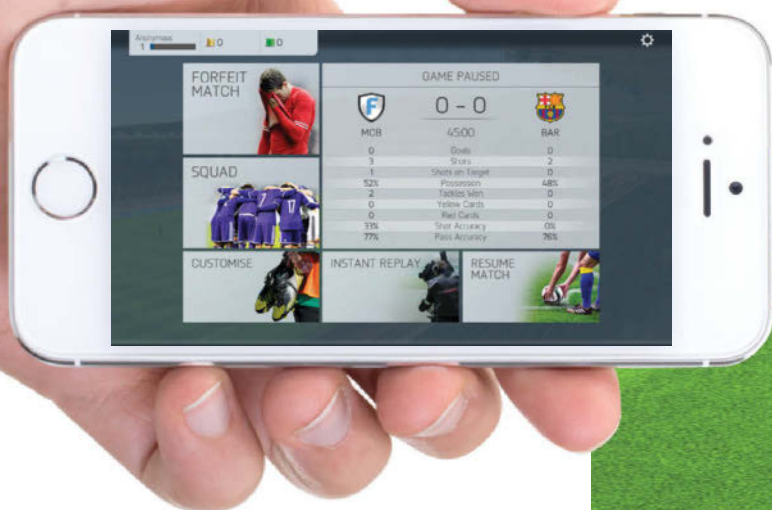


The FIFA series has been a staple of gaming since 1993 but seeing the beautiful game running with near-console graphics on a smartphone or tablet remains rather thrilling. It is especially heartening to see solid on-screen controls working so well alongside swipe gestures, thereby providing action that you feel in control of. As you'd expect from the

latest *Ultimate Team*, the emphasis is on building your own team rather than just opting for a Manchester United or a Real Madrid. It's about working on the right balance and looking after lots of

fun asides such as the colour and style of the kits. But it has been supplemented with a new engine and the addition of player exchange: you can swap members of the squad that you're unhappy with in the hope of getting someone better.

Get this right and the games themselves become ever more rewarding. The more you play, the greater the depth you feel as players swerve realistically and tackle satisfyingly. The cost of players has risen, though (just as in real life) and the rewards for a win are less. The lust for victory could mean you whipping out your wallet, although we'd major most would be uncomfortable spending £79.99 (\$99.99) on a "huge heap of points".



This sizable football game from FIFA is clearly a winner.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0

| Freemium | v2.0

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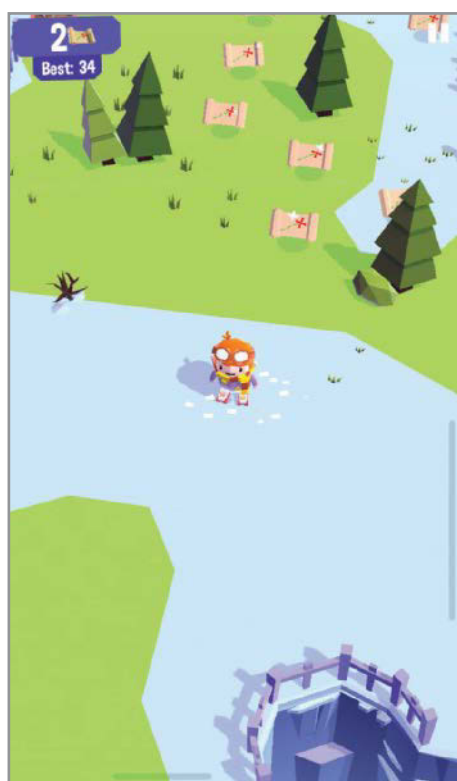
● Android | OS 4.4

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Left The on-screen buttons change depending on the action

LAND SLIDERS



SLIDE AWAY AND GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT

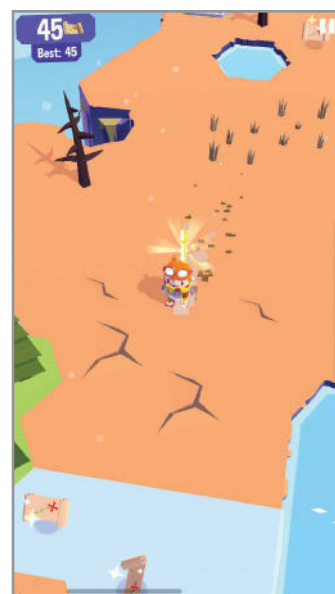


If exploration is your thing, then *Land Sliders* will suit you down to every inch of its procedurally generated ground. For although the primary aim is to collect items strewn across every level, the overwhelming feeling of not knowing quite what you are going to be coming across next is very much a fundamental part of the fun.

This is a truly imaginative game that seldom fails to surprise. From the way you can precisely control a character by sliding the land beneath it to the intricate strategies that you find you often need to employ in order to clear areas of their booty, there is more than enough to keep you enthralled for a very long time.

It helps that the game looks so good. The 50 characters - which you have to unlock - may lack fine animation but the colourful, cute graphics are a real draw. The worlds are just so varied and inviting, and there is also plenty to keep you occupied whether you're trying to work out a puzzle or carry out a quest.

As you slide around, tapping to bring the characters to an abrupt halt, you're dodging



Left It is inevitable that you'll die a few times at the hands of some varied foes

enemies such as bears and pogoing dinosaurs while trying not to fall off a cliff. You can also do your own thing too and nip off to the next level whenever you feel the need. All the while, you are racking up the points and beaming a great big smile upon your face.



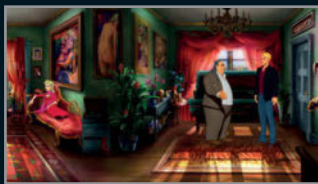
Land Sliders draws inevitable comparisons to other games but it's still a gorgeous surprise.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.2

<http://bit.ly/landslidersios>

You can stand on the exit icon and go straight to the next level

TOP 05
apps to...GO ON AN
ADVENTURE01 **BROKEN SWORD 5 – THE SERPENT'S CURSE**

Adventurer George Stobbart and journalist Nico Collard join forces once again to solve a terrible murder and discover the secret of the Serpent's Curse.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.14
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.15

02 **GRIM FANDANGO REMASTERED**

This funny film noir-inspired adventure game is beautiful and will absorb you from the start. It was originally released in 1998 but it remains compelling.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v1.0.2
● Android | OS 4.3
| £7.87/\$9.99 | v1.5.15

03 **BROKEN AGE**

The coming-of-age teenagers in this game explore the world around them. It's exceptional and stars Elijah Wood and Jack Black.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v2.3.10
● Android | OS 4.1
| £5.39/\$6.99 | v2.3.10

04 **80 DAYS**

Set in 1872, *80 Days* has you uncovering mysteries on a quest to journey across a globe via a number of ancient contraptions.

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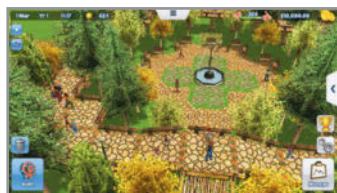
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.2.1
● Android | OS 2.3
| £3.00/\$5.00 | v1.2

05 **YEAR WALK**

Embark on a vision quest into dark woods in 19th century Sweden. There are loads of clues to pick up on and puzzles to solve.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.1

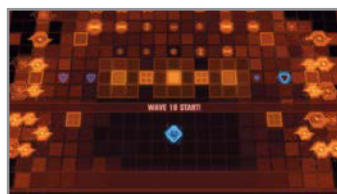
ROLLERCOASTER
TYCOON 3

In the past, developers have often struggled to port full PC games to the small screen because it can be difficult to make the busy graphics look realistic and get the controls to work naturally. Here, however, we have an exception because *RollerCoaster Tycoon 3* actually does feel like the original, but can be carried around and enjoyed anywhere. Take some time to learn how the controls work and you will soon be building and maintaining the theme park of your dreams.

Rarely do full PC strategy games port to mobile devices as well as this one.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.2



DEVASTATOR



It is often difficult to explain what makes one game great and another average, but

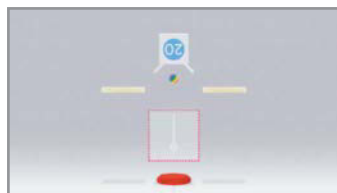
here we have one which fits in the 'great' category. The dual-stick controls work brilliantly on a phone and at no point will you be taking a breath to think about what you are doing because the pace and variety are fierce throughout. It tests your reflexes, your skills and many parts of your mind in a way which is rare on mobile games.



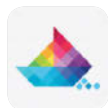
A classic and fun arcade game which feels exciting.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0



TRICK SHOT



There is a surprising amount of depth stored within *Trick Shot*, which initially looks like a standard physics-based puzzler. You have to guide the coloured balls to their destination using your judgement and knowledge of angles, and the experience gets even more challenging when you move up to test your expertise even further. It is highly addictive and will keep you coming back for more.

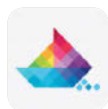
Snooker meets trigonometry meets awesome puzzler in the *Trick Shot* experience.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.6



SEA OF SQUARES



The premise of *Sea of Squares* sounds like other puzzle games, but it is actually very

good fun once you get into the mechanics. You have to remove squares of the same colour until the level is cleared, and there are 100 to play with for the low asking price. It can be very challenging further on and slightly repetitive in the early levels, but if you stick with it and make a real effort you will be hooked.

Remove squares until the screen is clear. It sounds dull, but it really isn't.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.4
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0



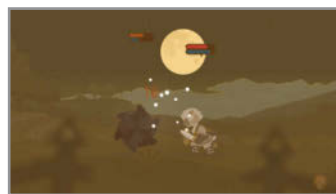
YOU AGAINST ME



A turn-based card game that is fun may not sound possible to you, but in *You Against Me* we have a game which works perfectly as a multiplayer experience. You can play online or by passing your phone, but the idea of stealing numbers from the board and locking out squares remains either way. You have to balance the claiming of squares while understanding what your opponent wants to do and this makes it very challenging indeed. Play against friends online or locally and lock out as many squares as you can.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v2.0

LEGENDARY
WARRIORS

Legendary Warriors has the ability to completely hook you on the process of collecting objects and then fighting for your survival which takes the most simple gameplay and makes it feel more immersive than similar titles. It works very well, but the colouring of the game may be difficult for some players to adjust to and the in-app purchases are at times quite expensive for what they offer. Serious players will love it throughout, but some others may struggle.

The visuals and in-app costs are debatable, but the rest of the game is smart.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1
| Freemium | v0.3.8

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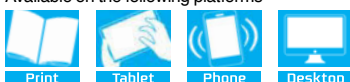
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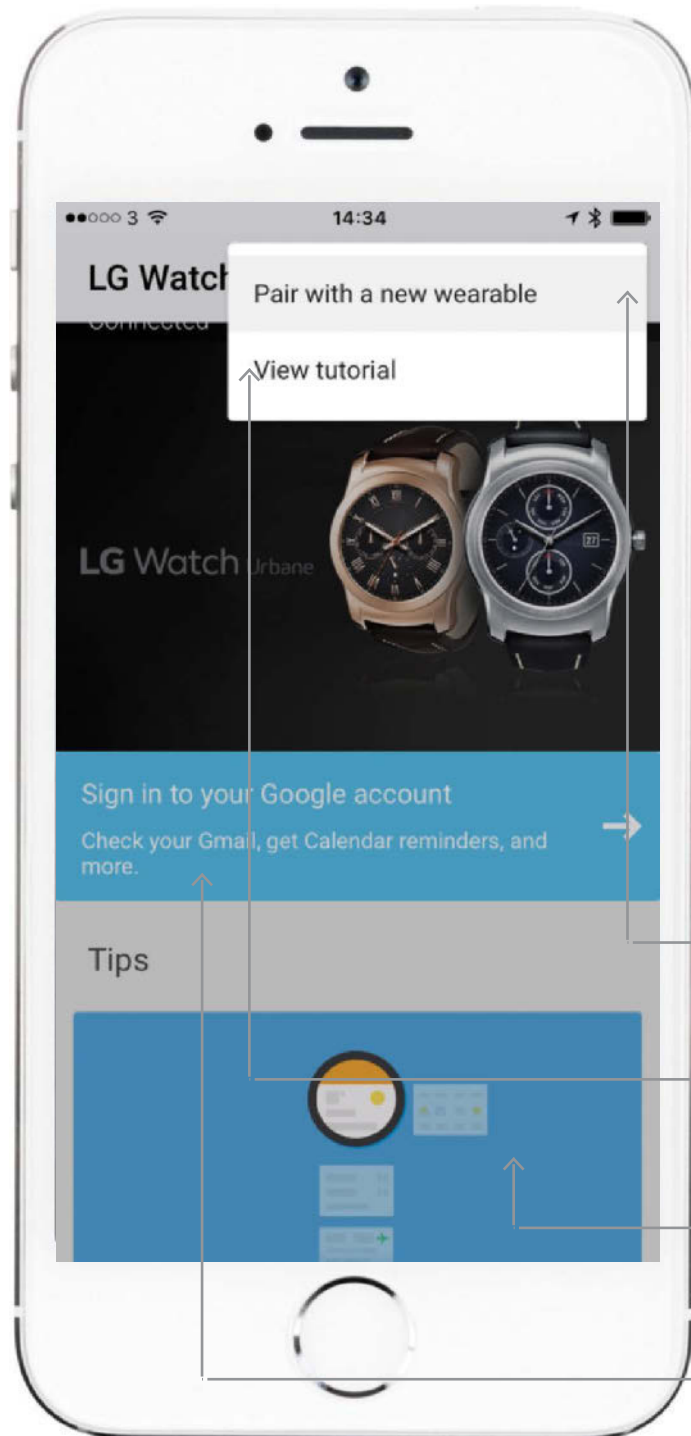
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SYNC ANDROID WEAR WITH YOUR IPHONE

» Users are now able to pair their Android Wear smartwatch with any iPhone, offering a great cross-platform experience



When it comes to the world of wearables, nothing has come close to the sales, growth and usability of what smartwatches now offer the millions of people who have invested in one from all around the world. No matter if you're a dedicated Android or iOS fan, there are options out there from the Apple Watch to the Samsung Gear 2. But what about the minority of people who have opted for a mix between both platforms? Up until recently you'd have largely been in limbo when it comes to mixing between devices, but the recent launch of Android Wear on iOS has been a big step forward. Now users of one of a select few Wear smartwatches can pair up their iOS device to their Android smartwatch.

While the current selection of Android Wear smartwatches that will work with your iOS device are fairly small for the time being, there are plans for the range to expand in early 2016 and beyond. It's a surprisingly smooth system to sync the two devices together, if not just a little time consuming, and there's no real performance issues once the connection has been made. Certain Google apps don't have the full suite of features you may have seen on their Android versions, and it's important to note you won't find the same swath of apps on the App Store that are compatible with your Wear smartwatch, but what's available are all decent for the most part. If you're planning on creating a cross-platform smartwatch experience, then read on as we outline the steps you need to take to get your iPhone and Android Wear smartwatch working in perfect harmony.

» MASTER ANDROID WEAR

> Explore new options in the Wear app

Pair a new device

If you choose to invest in a different Android Wear smartwatch, press on the menu icon and choose the pair option to start again.

Get more info

If you're fairly new to Android Wear, make sure to select the watch overview panel at the top of the screen. You'll find it's indicated by a picture of your connected smartwatch.

Learn the basics

Scroll down on the homescreen to find a small list of essential tips and tricks to help you get up to speed with your Android smartwatch.

Stay connected

To get the most out of your Android smartwatch make sure you're signed into your Google account at all times.

About the app...

ANDROID WEAR

Pair and manage your Android Wear smartwatches

Android | OS 4.3

Free | v1.3.0.2284253

iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free | v1.0

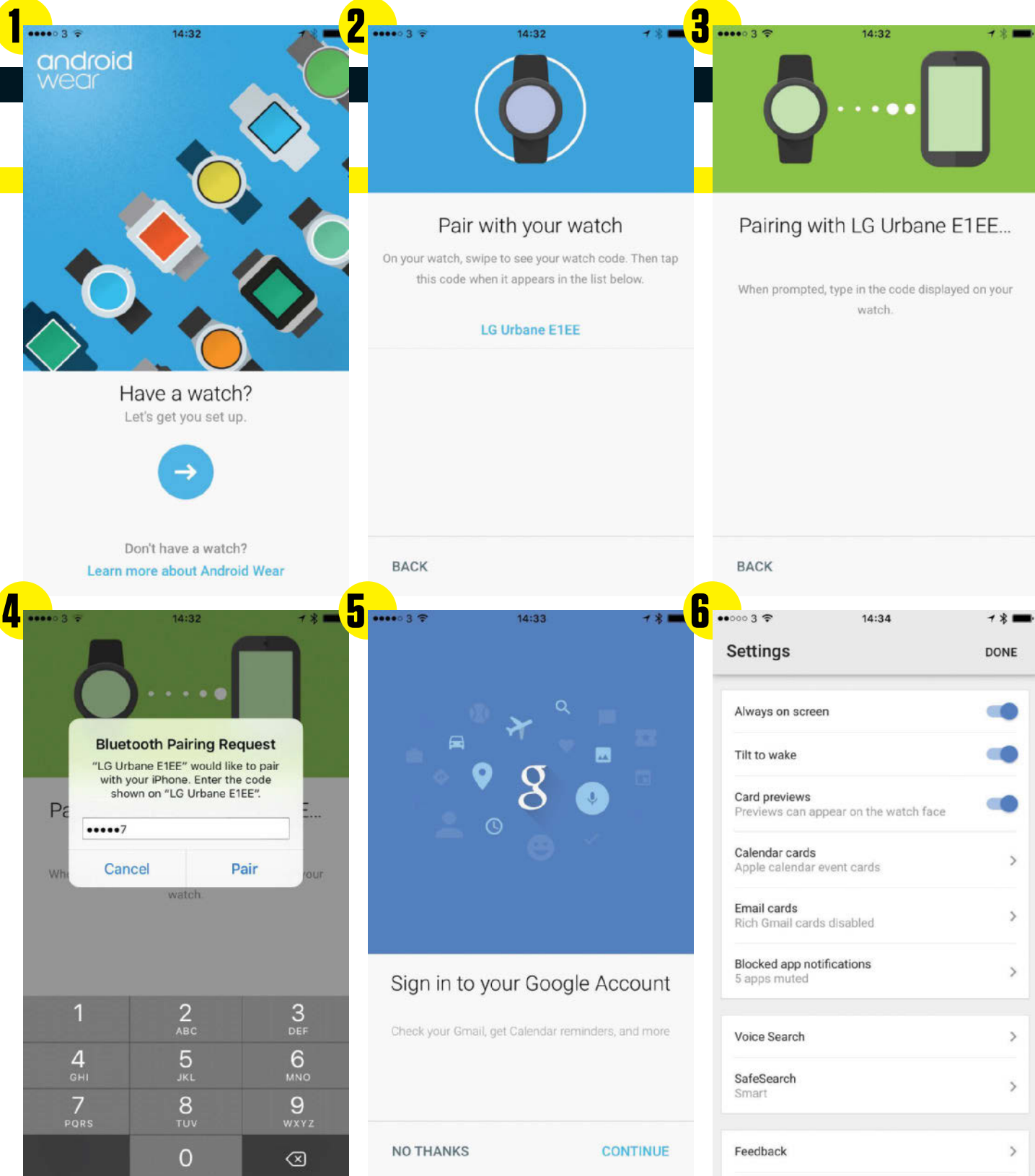


The launch of Android Wear on iOS is great news for those who have a mixture of devices, but it isn't without its caveats. The app itself suffers from some noticeable omissions when compared to the Android offering and the pairing process takes considerably longer than when pairing to an Android device. However, the core features that most smartwatch users will ultimately care about are accounted for and the range of customisable settings matches what Google provided in the Android app.

This is a great sign for the future, but it's slightly underwhelming in its current state.

★★★★☆

"Now users of one of a select few Wear smartwatches can pair up their iOS device to their Android smartwatch"



» ANDROID WEAR > Sync Android Wear with iOS

1 DOWNLOAD THE APP

First off, you will need to download the Android Wear app from the App Store on to your iPhone and open it up. After going through the initial set-up screens, press on the arrow icon that is located near the bottom.

4 ENTER THE CODE

Once the process has actually finished you'll receive a request to enter a pairing code on your iPhone. Take a peek at your smartwatch now where you should see the code that you will need to enter.

2 START TO PAIR

Now just head on over to your smartwatch and set the watch up until you reach the pairing screen. You should now see the name and make of your smartwatch presented in a list for you on your iPhone.

5 SIGN IN TO GOOGLE

The final stages will require you to enable certain settings. Go through the options that are available to you, but it's very much imperative that you sign in or create a Google account when you are prompted to do so.

3 BE PATIENT

The iPhone and smartwatch will now begin the process of pairing together. It's important to note that this process could take up to 20 minutes to be fully completed, so you'll need to be patient at this point.

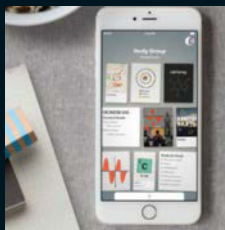
6 ENABLE SETTINGS

With the pairing process now finished, press on the menu icon and open up the Settings tab. From here you will be able to customise your preferences, manage your notifications and tweak some of the other great options.

THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER



WHY WE LOVE... PAPER



Any iPad owner should know all about *Paper*: a beautifully designed app for sketching and scribbling. Now it's available on iPhone too, adding photos and text as

well as drawings and graphs. A great way to keep track of your stray thoughts.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v3.1.1



WHY WE LOVE... KHAN ACADEMY



This has been available on iOS for some time, but is new to Android. It's an excellent educational tool with bite-sized video courses on everything from biology and economics to art history. The content is authoritative but rarely dry.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.0.1

● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.1

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE APP? GET IN TOUCH...



TWEET US WITH
YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
@Knowyourapps



OR RECOMMEND
THEM ON FACEBOOK
/AppsMagazine



SEND US AN EMAIL TODAY
WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
apps@imagine-publishing.co.uk

BOOKS

iPhone/iPad/Android KOBO READING APP



For functionality and design we would take *Kobo* every time. Free books and cool reading stats.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad iBOOKS



Apple's own native bookstore comes with iCloud features, as well as the ability to change reading settings to suit you.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android GOODREADS



A great app for book recommendations, *Goodreads* also has wishlists and social links.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad CHOPSTICKS NOVEL



In this novel experience you are given bits of people's lives as you weave the story together in your own mind.

● iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

iPad THE FANTASTIC FLYING BOOKS OF MR. MORRIS LESSMORE



Breathtaking visuals and a heartwarming story. Essential.

● iOS 5.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPad THE WASTE LAND



Discover TS Eliot's epic and revolutionary poem, view interactive notes and watch related videos.

● iOS 5.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

iPhone/iPad iPOE 2



Interactive illustrations and music bring the macabre magic of Edgar Allan Poe's haunting poetry to life.

● iOS 5.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad/Android COMICS



A convenient portal to read over 12,000 comics, and over 500 of them are absolutely free.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android FRANKENSTEIN



The classic horror story is brought back to life in this interactive adaptation.

● iOS 4.3 | £2.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad/Android AUDIOBOOKS FROM AUDIBLE



Part of the Amazon family, so you have plenty of choice.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

BUSINESS

iPhone/Android CAMCARD



Scan business cards for easy storage and import contact details direct to your address book.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● Varies | £0.60/\$0.99

iPhone/iPad/Android IPASSWORD



Store your passwords for your favourite website and more with this secure app.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium
● OS 4.1 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/Android LOGMEIN



Remotely access your desktop from your mobile so you can take your business on the go.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● OS 2.3 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad SAYHI TRANSLATE



Speak into this app and have your words translated into 40 languages, either spoken back to you or sent as a message.

● iOS 6.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad RESUME EXPRESS



Create a stunning CV with this step-by-step app that creates a polished final product that can be easily exported.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPad MEETING MINUTES



Schedule meetings, plan seating, save notes and record your minutes all in this one, very comprehensive app.

● iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/Android JAMES CAAN BUSINESS SECRETS



Find out about hiring staff, raising money and more in this app.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● OS 2.1 | Free

iPhone/iPad SCANNER PRO BY READDLE



Turn your iPhone into a portable scanner. Snap a photo of a document to create a PDF and export to Dropbox.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

iPhone/iPad HOW TO TIE A TIE ANIMATED GUIDE



Top tips and AR projection for tying 30 nifty knots – perfect for any occasion.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad DRAGON DICTATION



This app instantly translates the spoken word into text. Send yourself notes and reminders.

● iOS 4.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

EDUCATION

iPad THE ELEMENTS: A VISUAL EXPLORATION



View rotatable 3D images of every element in the periodic table.

● iOS 7.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

iPhone/iPad/Android STAR WALK



This AR app helps you explore the stars, planets and constellations in the night sky.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 4.0 | £1.79/\$2.99

iPhone/iPad/Android KHAN ACADEMY



A library of over 3,000 videos enables users to learn pretty much anything they want.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

iPhone/iPad iTUNES U



One of the most powerful educational tools around, with full university courses available direct on your device.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android TED



Regular programming with remarkable speakers and lectures for free via this learning app.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

iPad DK THE HUMAN BODY APP



Takes you on a journey deep into the human body, with video content and annotated graphics. A fine iPad app.

● iOS 4.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

iPhone/iPad/Android HENRI LE WORM



Top chef Raymond Blanc and actor Simon Pegg teach children about cooking.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99
● OS 4.0 | £1.29/\$2.12

iPad NHM EVOLUTION



Explore 600 million years of evolution with a fossil timeline and multimedia treatments that explain the science.

● iOS 4.3 | £10.49/\$13.99

iPhone/iPad/Android DUOLINGO



Learn a new language for free, from grammar basics to translating entire websites.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad NASA VISUALIZATION EXPLORER



Everything NASA in one place, including news on missions and stunning imagery.

● iOS 5.1 | Free

ENTERTAINMENT

iPhone/iPad/Android NETFLIX



Cross-device viewing thanks to the cloud. An absolute must for subscribers to the service.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android PLEX



Stream music and video from your desktop, and enjoy content from *Plex*'s channels.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 3.2 | Freemium

iPad PROCREATE



Paints, inks and abstract shapes are all readily available, so you can achieve just the effect you're looking for.

● iOS 8.1 | £4.49/\$5.99

iPhone/iPad SNEAK



In this game you literally have to sneak up on your phone from a distance to capture photos of the shy monsters.

● iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/Android iPLAYER RADIO



So much more than an extension of the iPlayer catch-up service, with a great interface.

● iOS 6.1 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad REMOTE



This handy app lets you connect to iTunes wirelessly and play music and movies that are on your Mac or PC.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad HAUNTING MELISSA



A horror movie for the mobile era, the producer of *The Ring* directs this experimental but highly gripping ghost story.

● iOS 7.1 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad ACTION MOVIE FX



Give your home videos some truly epic Hollywood effects with this brilliant free app for your iOS device.

● iOS 5.0 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/Android VLC STREAMER



The streaming service lets you share media from your desktop to your device.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99
● OS 4.0 | £1.35/\$1.99

iPhone/iPad MORFO 3D FACE BOOTH




Make talking 3D masks of absolutely anyone with this clever, customisable app. Then share the results via email.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.79/\$0.99


FINANCE

iPhone/ iPad
POCKETMONEY

 The price you pay for this app is fully justified, thanks to its superior functionality and the useful tips it divulges.


● OS 1.6 | £3.10/\$4.99

iPhone/ Android
PAYPAL

 Check your current balance, view your account and send money via 16 currencies.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MONEYWIZ

 One of the best finance managers around, with easy-to-use functions.


● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.55/\$1.99

iPhone/ Android
BLOOMBERG BUSINESS

 Bloomberg is a must for city traders and anyone who is interested in the stock market.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
DEBT MANAGER

 Offers a clean, simple interface so you can visualise your debt, organise your incomings and outgoings, and pay it off.


● iOS 4.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

iPhone/ iPad
ISPREADSHEET

 Compatible with Excel, Google Docs and Open Office – manage all of your finances on the go with this app.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

iPad/ Android
BILLS

 Track your incomings and outgoings by filtering paid, planned and overdue payments.


● iOS 5.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● OS 1.6 | £1.33/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
SPENDING TRACKER

 Monitor your spending and save money thanks to the charts, graphs and stats in this app.


● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ Android
BARCLAYS PINGIT

 Send money between accounts, using just a mobile number, from your device.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
MORTGAGE MENTOR

 Compare mortgages side-by-side, work out what the true price would be and manage all of your payments.

● iOS 4.0 | £1.49/\$1.99


FOOD & DRINK

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
JAMIE'S 20 MINUTE MEALS

 Step-by-step photo recipes, plus extra kitchen tips such as how to sharpen knives.

● iOS 3.1.2 | £4.99/\$6.99
● OS 2.3 | £1.99/\$7.69

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
OPENTABLE UK

 Find and book a restaurant table in a few taps, whether last minute or planned.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone
OTTOLENGHI

 An absolute must for all foodies, this app features mouth-watering full-screen photos and some clever features.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING ESSENTIALS

 The app that's perfect for any level of experience, from oven wizards to toast burners.


● iOS 6.1 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad
THE PHOTO COOKBOOK – QUICK & EASY

 With images of every ingredient and steps to each recipe, it couldn't be easier to follow.


● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ Android
FOODSPOTTING

 An essential destination for when you want something different and great to eat.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER

 File away your favourite web recipes in this dedicated cooking database.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £3.17/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
GREEN KITCHEN – HEALTHY VEGETARIAN RECIPES

 A stylish interface and inspiring recipes prove healthy eating doesn't need to be bland.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
EPICURIOUS RECIPES & SHOPPING LIST

 An essential app for culinary masters and budding chefs alike.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free


iPad
COOK

 Create your own recipe book, complete with customisable colours and fonts, then share it with your friends online.

● iOS 7.0 | Free


GAMES

iPhone/iPad/ Android
HEARTHSTONE

 Cast spells in this online card game from the makers of *World Of Warcraft*.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
ASPHALT 8: AIRBORNE

 Perform high-octane aerial stunts to get the edge on other racers in this arcade game.


● iOS 6.1.6 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MONUMENT VALLEY

 Guide your character through a mind-bending world of impossible architecture.


● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
ANOMALY 2

 Protect your convoy of troops and attack alien invaders in this top-down strategy game.


● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3 | £3.39/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
HITMAN GO

 Eliminate your enemies as Agent 47 in this puzzle gem from the creators of *Hitman*.


● iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
BOSON X

 A mix of fast-paced fun and subatomic style makes this endless runner very addictive.


● iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.92/\$2.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS

 Control the criminal underworld in this epic mobile version.


● iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99
● OS 3.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
FM HANDHELD 2015

 Master tactics to climb up the leagues and sign players to make the best team.


● iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$8.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £6.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION

 Create your own personal *Minecraft* world, block by block.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £4.99/\$6.99
● Varies | £4.99/\$6.99


iPhone/ iPad/ Android
REPUBLICHE

 Escape from a prison in this stealth-action adventure. Solve puzzles to earn your freedom.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £3.21/\$4.99

HEALTH

iPhone/ Android
ENDOMONDO

 *Endomondo* is the most social fitness experience around and covers a wide range of sports.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ Android
ZOMBIES, RUN!

 Run to stay alive in a world infested with zombies in this immersive AR workout.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad
CARDIOGRAPH

 Simply hold your thumb over your device's camera lens to monitor and track your heart rate.


● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
CALORIE COUNTER

 Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/ Android
NIKE+ RUNNING

 This app requires a pair of Nike shoes that have an insert for the Nike+ sensor.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
YOU ARE YOUR OWN GYM

 Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device.


● iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

iPhone/ Android
7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE

 A fast-paced work out with exercises, videos and tracker.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.29/\$1.94

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MOVES

 *Moves* automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO

 Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$1.99
● Varies | £1.99/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
HEALTHTAP

 Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free


LIFESTYLE

iPhone/ iPad
SNAPGUIDE

 This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
DAY ONE JOURNAL

 Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private.


● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ Android
START BY TACK

 Minimalist alarm clock and stopwatch that launches set apps when you wake.

● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99
● OS 3.0 | £0.65/\$0.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
FANCY

 Searching and sharing items on *Fancy* is all about becoming a curator of cool.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
AROUNDME

 This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities.

● iOS 5.1.1 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
ICONICAL

 Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPad
eBAY FOR IPAD

 This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains.


● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPad
MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO

 Create decorative cards in-app with hints and tips provided by Martha herself.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

iPad
WEDDING PLANNER FOR IPAD

 Plan everything, from your big day's budget to the colour scheme and the seating plan with this detailed wedding app.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99


iPhone/ iPad
IA WRITER

 Aspiring novelist? This is the perfect space to express yourself in a clean, distraction-free environment.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99


MEDICAL

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
VISUAL ANATOMY

 View rotatable 3D images from *Gray's Anatomy* of selected organs or regions of the body.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.0 | £1.60/\$2.69

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
VISION TEST

 This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder.


● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

iPad
SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III

 This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes.


● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PREGNANCY+

 Monitor your baby's development week by week and log doctor's appointments.


● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● OS 3.0 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad
SNORELAB

 Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it.


● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
uHEAR

 As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, *uHear* is a good app for monitoring your hearing.


● iOS 4.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS

 Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors.


● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ Android
BREATHING ZONE

 Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics.


● iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$3.99

iPad
HEART PRO III

 Lifelike depictions of the heart and circulatory system that can be rotated 360° to appreciate its complexity.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad
FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER

 Keep a digital diary of your family's shots, vaccinations, medicines, illnesses and more.

● iOS 3.1.3 | £1.49/\$1.99

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WHAT'S HOT?

VINE

You can now add music to your looping videos.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

NETFLIX

Curl up with a boxset this winter - and watch it anywhere.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Free

SNAPCHAT

You can now send self-destructing emojis with colourful emojis.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

DARK SKY

Avoid the rain with hyperlocal forecasts up to an hour in advance.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

JAMES CAAN BUSINESS SECRETS

Think you could win *The Apprentice*? Brush up on tips from this boss.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● OS 2.1 | Free

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TWEET US WITH
YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
@Knowyourapps

OR RECOMMEND
THEM ON FACEBOOK
/AppsMagazine

SEND US AN EMAIL TODAY
WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
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MUSIC

iPhone/iPad GARAGEBAND

Use simple gestures to play piano, organ, guitar and drums. Upload tracks to YouTube, SoundCloud and more.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad FIGURE

Make music in minutes with this easy-to-use interface. Export results to iTunes Audio Sharing.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

iPad/Android DJAY 2

Take tracks from your library and start mixing them together on this brilliant turntable app.

● iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$7.99
● OS 4.1 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPad THE ORCHESTRA

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